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## Weinberger 'favors' neutron warheads

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has indicated he is leaning toward deployment of the controversial neutron warhead shelved by the Carter administration.

Such a move, if made, probably would rekindle a dispute that caused then President Jimmy Carter in 1978 to defer production and reverse an intention to deploy "enhanced radiation" warheads on Lance battlefield missiles and eight-inch guns in Europe.

"I think that the opportunity that this weapon gives to strengthen tactical nuclear force is one that we very probably would want to make use of," Weinberger said Tuesday at his first Pentagon news conference since becoming the civilian chief of the armed forces two weeks ago. On other matters, Weinberger said:

## Gold above \$500 mark; dollar sinks

LONDON, Feb. 4 (R) — Gold rebounded to more than \$500 an ounce Wednesday while the dollar lost ground against the mark following what dealers called a massive central bank intervention Tuesday to support the West German currency. Gold's rise was partly due to the dollar's strength. It climbed to \$504.25 an ounce at the London morning price-setting session by bullion houses. It later rose to \$508.

Bullion dealers said the increase, which lifted gold \$14.25 higher than its close here Tuesday night, was due to a buying rally in extremely active trading. The dollar, supported this week by market enthusiasm for President Reagan's economic policies, opened in London slightly higher than its close of 2.1240 marks Tuesday in New York where it weakened because of the official support for the mark.

But it slid through the morning to around 2.1222 marks, compared to a high of around 2.15 marks Tuesday and a London finish of 2.1332 marks.

In Frankfurt, dealers said the West German and U.S. central banks, the Bundesbank and the Federal Reserve, sold \$500 million each in the past 24 hours to defend the mark. They added that the Bundesbank sold \$11.55 million Wednesday when the U.S. currency was fixed at 2.1318 marks after 2.1500 marks Tuesday.

A West German finance ministry spokesman denied market rumors of an imminent support package for the mark, which is under pressure because of concern about the country's economy.



David Rockefeller



Willard C. Butcher

## Rockefeller, Butcher in Jeddah

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — David Rockefeller, chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, arrived here Wednesday from Riyadh while on a short visit to Saudi Arabia. Rockefeller is visiting the Kingdom to introduce the bank's current president Willard C. Butcher, to business associates. He leaves the Kingdom Thursday.

Rockefeller will be handing over the chairman's position to Butcher at the annual general meeting of the corporation in New York on April 21. The Chase Manhattan Bank is the largest correspondent bank in the world, with relationship with most of the banks in Saudi Arabia. The bank processes in New York an average of 17.8 million international money transfers, valued at \$53.3 bil-

lion every day.

Saudi Arabia is the first country on Rockefeller's current trip and he will be visiting Egypt, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan. Rockefeller has been a frequent visitor to Saudi Arabia, where he meets leaders of organizations in the public and private sectors of industry, commerce and bank, with which the bank has business relationships.

Rockefeller has laid great importance on the bank's activities in the Middle East and over the last few years the Chase consistently enlarged its operations in the area so that it is now one of the major international banks. Chase has a 20 per cent investment in the Saudi Investment Banking Corporation in Riyadh and provides staff and training on a technical services agreement.

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GULF CONFERENCE: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and Omani counterpart Qais Zawawi in Riyadh for the ministerial Gulf conference.

## Religious leaders boost drive against Bani-Sadr

TEHRAN, Feb. 4 (R) — Religious leaders Wednesday stepped up their campaign against President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr accusing him of being out of touch with Iranian society and the Islamic revolution. The attack was made through a newspaper editorial which also declared: "Bani-Sadr is creating the background for his resignation and in this connection is gathering all reasonable and unreasonable excuses."

The paper, *Azadegan*, (free men), which strongly supports the hardline Muslim Islamic Republican Party (IRP), said it was

not accusing the president of bad intentions. "But it is quite clear that he is not in agreement with the goals of the Islamic revolution, and the path along which he is moving does not benefit the revolution, the people and even himself," *Azadegan* said.

Officials in the president's office denied that Bani-Sadr intended to resign but they had no other comment on the article. Bani-Sadr was elected just over a year ago by an overwhelming vote. But government, judiciary, media and parliament in Iran are now dominated by the IRP.

### Iraqi minister says

## Soviets halt arms deals

BAGHDAD, Feb. 4 (R) — First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan hinted Wednesday that the Soviet Union may halt arms supplies to Iraq.

He told a press conference: "The Soviet Union has stopped implementing gas-war contracts signed with Iraq." Asked if arms supplies from Moscow were still reaching Iraq, he replied: "No comment." He said France had started delivering Mirage fighter-bombers which had been ordered in 1977.

Officially, that Iraq would not forget "the bad attitude of those who do not honor their commitments."

Iraq has ordered 60 Mirage aircraft from France and Ramadan said there was no restriction on their use in the conflict. Ramadan, a senior member of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Council as well as commander of the country's militia forces, said internal squabbling in Iran was preventing Tehran opening peace talks.

He blamed the Iranians for the starting the war and added: "It is easy to declare a war, but it is difficult for them to declare peace."

## Egypt uncovers sabotage attempt

CAIRO, Feb. 4 (AFP) — Egyptian security forces uncovered a planned sabotage operation by the Japanese Red Army and other groups at Cairo's international airport, officials sources confirmed here Wednesday. The operation, similar to the attack on Lod airport in Israel in May 1972, when 26 persons were killed and 78 were hurt by Red

Army members, was planned for two weeks ago, the sources said.

Tight security was imposed on the airport to prevent the attack. News of the planned attack was first broken in proof copies of the magazine *May* which is to become the official organ of President Anwar Sadat's new Democrat Party.

## Spot, non-contract crude prices dip

LONDON, Feb. 4 (R) — Spot, non-contract crude oil prices are drifting down, reflecting a world market well-supplied with oil despite the war between OPEC exporters Iraq and Iran, traders and oil company sources said Wednesday.

London traders said a cargo of Arabian light crude sold at \$38 for a barrel (42 U.S. gallons) this week, which is 50 cents below the spot price a week ago and down from \$39.75, last November.

Oil industry sources said \$38 was about the prevailing spot market rate for Arabian crudes as oil company supply executives saw it. Only a fraction of the world's crude oil trades on the spot market, where buyers make up for shortfalls in supplies sold under long-term contract.

But the market, among traders based in centers such as London, Rotterdam, Singapore and the United States, acts as a barometer of how badly consumers need oil and how much they are willing to pay for it.

Traders said that while prices had drifted down, little oil was being traded. "There is only occasional interest. If you ask me, prices could go lower than they are now," one said. He and others blamed a sharp fall in demand for the lack of business. Crude oil demand fell by more than six per cent in the non-Communist industrial countries during 1980, pushed down by recession and mild weather and by conservation measures which were spurred by high prices. As a result, although consumers are having to use oil stocks to make up the shortfall in exports from Iraq and Iran, these stocks remain high.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) said Tuesday total stocks in the 21 IEA countries, which include the United States, Japan and most of Western Europe, would still be at a reasonably safe level of just under three billion barrels on April 1. When the market is tight, spot crude prices tend to race ahead of official government selling prices charged by members of OPEC — the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — for con-

## France blocks boat delivery to Iran Navy

PARIS, Feb. 4 (R) — France will continue to block delivery of three missile boats to the Iranian navy despite Iranian demands for their release, French officials said Wednesday.

Delivery of the boats will depend on the outcome of discussions on all outstanding French claims against the revolutionary government, running to billions of francs.

French sources said an Iranian delegation was expected in Paris shortly for talks on the French claims for breach of contract and non-payment of dues. France aroused Iranian anger at the weekend by starting delivery of Mirage fighter-bombers to Iraq that were ordered in 1977.

Officials said the first consignment of four aircraft had been delayed in view of the Gulf war, but the government felt obliged to start meeting its contract and more Mirages would follow in the next few weeks.

Iran's Charge d'Affaires in Paris, Ali Banifatemi, said on French television Tuesday that Iran insists France finally meets its obligation to deliver the remaining missile boats.

## Norwegian government sworn in

OSLO, Feb. 4 (AFP) — The minority Labor government of Gro Harlem Brundtland was sworn into office at midday (1100 GMT) Wednesday at a special ceremony in the royal palace here. Mrs. Harlem Brundtland, 41, Scandinavia's first woman prime minister, took over from Odvar Nordli, 53, who had led the country for the past five

years. He announced his resignation last week because of exhaustion, although some have linked his departure to squabbles inside the Labor Party.

The new Prime Minister is expected to stick to Nordli's policy, with the main task to improve the party's prospects for the September elections.

# Panel to step up Gulf cooperation

By Farouk Laqman

RIVADH, Feb. 4 — A special organization to streamline inter-Gulf cooperation in all fields will be set up in the near future, according to resolutions taken by the foreign ministers of six Gulf states who met here Wednesday.

The one-day meeting ended with agreement on all issues of the agenda, according to Qais Zawawi, the Omani minister of state for foreign affairs.

Zawawi told *Arab News* that the organization was the most important decision taken by the conference. It would coordinate political, economic, social and security relations among those states. The meeting of foreign ministers was chaired by Prince Saud Al Faisal, and was attended by the foreign ministers of Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain, and junior foreign ministers from the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

region away from international rivalries and foreign designs and that the conference will attend to that.

In another development Egypt Wednesday said it is ready to give the U.S. military facilities to defend the Gulf states whenever requested but not permanent bases, a foreign ministry official said. The official was commenting on an interview with several newspapers published this week in which President Ronald Reagan said there was a need for the U.S. to have some ground forces stationed in the Middle East. The subject came up again Tuesday at a Washington news conference given by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

The Egyptian official said Wednesday "Egypt has repeatedly said it is willing to give facilities for limited operations, and not permanent bases for U.S. troops."

As a member of the nonaligned group of nations, the spokesman continued, Egypt opposed granting permanent bases for foreign troops.

Asked if Oman had put forward a proposal to create a Gulf force to protect the Strait of Hormuz against foreign intervention, Zawawi said "let us not put the cart before the horse." The organization will take care of such proposals in the future.

The main issue before the conference was a Kuwaiti working paper which was prepared following a tour of the region by the Kuwaiti foreign minister, Sabah Al Ahmad shortly before the third Islamic summit conference was held last month in Taif. It was believed to deal with the need for cooperation in security matters although it did not amount to a military pact as suggested by foreign news reports.

The states of the region take interdependent security for granted and most leaders are on record as saying that they would go to the aid of each other in case of foreign threats without a formal security agreement.

The Kuwaiti paper was approved before the conference took place leaving the foreign ministers the task of devising the mechanisms which will be embodied in the organization.

Conference sources also dismissed foreign news speculation that a "confederal union" uniting the states under one flag was in the offing. The conference did not even broach the issue. It was more important, they believed, to get together and hasten the process of coordination in as many ways as possible.

Prior to the conference Bahrain's foreign minister Sheikh Muhammad ibn Mubarak said the meeting will "translate coordination plans into reality." The UAE's Minister for State for Foreign Affairs Rashed Al Abdullah said it was meant to tell the world that the security of the region was the responsibility of the states themselves and not that of any outside powers. Oman's Information Minister Ahwal Aziz Al Rawas was quoted in Muscat as saying that it was necessary to keep the

## Kuwaitis float \$34m bond for U.S. company

KUWAIT, Feb. 4 (AP) — The Kuwait International Investment Company (KIIC) is co-heading with Banque de Lindochine et Suez and the Banque National de Paris a 600 million French francs (\$34 million) bond issue in favor of Caisse des Depot et Consignations, it was announced officially here Wednesday.

The loan, guaranteed by the French government, will be for five years at 13.7 per cent interest per annum, and the bond will be registered with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the announcement added.

Ten of the largest international banks are also involved in the deal that will be signed in Paris on Feb. 6, KIIC said.

KIIC also announced that it will co-lead with Drexel Burnham Lambert Incorporated, Credit Commercial de France and Banque de l'Union Europeenne in a bond issue for 100,000 ounces of gold in favor of the International Refineries Co.

The loan will be for a period of 15 years at a guaranteed interest of between three and four per cent per annum and will be registered with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

The loan will be guaranteed by the International Institute of Refining. The borrower is a leading U.S. company, KIIC said.

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## Graduates boost manpower base

## Evening vocation course to begin

By Javid Hasan

JEDDAH, Feb. 4. — The ninth evening course for 200 students at the Qatif vocational training center will start Saturday since 127 students have just completed a six-month training program in carpentry, electricity, car mechanics and welding.

This is expected to give a shot in the arm to the Kingdom's efforts for a strong manpower base envisaged in the Third Development Five-Year Plan (1980-85). There are 43 training programs in Saudi Arabia covering various fields.

The training scheme is confined to Saudis in the 17-45 age group. The trainees, who must hold at least an elementary school certificate, are paid monthly allowance of between SR600 and SR800 after having successfully completed half the period. They are also eligible for a SR120 living allowance and an additional SR1,000 at the end of the course. This could be doubled if the student has passed in honors.

Trained graduates are entitled to a grant of SR3,000 six months after their employment. There is also a provision for a loan of

SR100,000 from the Credit Bank if a candidate wants to work on his own.

Creation of a trained manpower base has been the corner stone of the government's policy. In a statement accompanying the release of the budget for 1980-81, the first fiscal year of the third five-year development plan, the finance ministry stated: "The government gives priority to education and training for the development of human resources, which are the means for development and are at the same time the final goal of the development plan." A sum of \$6.8 million, 9.9 per cent of the total \$73.5 million Saudi budget for fiscal 1980-81, has been allocated for this purpose.

The government also has encouraged training abroad. Many Saudi Arabians attended short-term courses, seminars and workshops organized by foreign universities, professional and business associations and U.N. agencies. Many government agencies coordinate their training programs with the private sector, which is also given incentive to provide such training. Private establishments are required under the law to train workers and help them sharpen their skills.

The ministry of labor and social affairs, the sponsor of the scheme, has also introduced evening classes. As many as 6,048 students have already graduated, while 8,281 are under training.

The government has another training program for the handicapped in the Eastern Province. The Vocational Training Center for the Handicapped has disbursed SR6,080,000 to incapacitated persons. The center provides training for Saudi nationals with an intelligence level of at least 50 per cent. The trainees are provided with board and a monthly salary. Transportation is free for the students who do not live at the center.

## Hostel seminar ends

DAMMAM, Feb. 4 (SPA) — A seminar for supervisors of student hostels organized by the Youth Welfare Organization ended here Wednesday at Damman's Student Hostel. The 17 participants at the ten-day seminar from various regions of the Kingdom will submit their resolutions and recommendations to the organization.

## BRIEFS

**French-Saudi relations discussed**  
RIYADH, Feb. 4 — Bilateral relations and world affairs were the topics discussed by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and the French Ambassador Michel Dumetz, who called on him Wednesday.

**Accident kills five**  
NAJRAN, Feb. 4 — Five members of a Jordanian family were killed here when a car hit their own on the Salsilah bridge Tuesday. These killed included the parents, two children and an unborn child. A little son survived the accident when he was thrown clear of the site of the crash. The father worked as a teacher and the mother was a school headmistress here.

**1.5 million books dispensed**  
TAIF, Feb. 4 — The Information Ministry gave away 1.5 million books and booklets to the delegations and newsmen who attended the third Islamic summit conference here last month. The books were in Arabic, English, French, Spanish, German and Urdu. Thirty five officials were in charge of the distribution network.

**JEDDAH, Feb. 4 —** A Mercedes was split in two, which led to the death of the driver in an accident on Ring Road by the airport here Tuesday. The cab was severed from the passenger compartment as the car somersaulted several times under the impact.

**Bureaucracy rule issued**  
JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — Mecca Governor

Prince Majed has given orders not to allow the public to carry their papers from one department to the other. He said the officials must arrange to transfer the papers inter-departmentally to save time and avoid congestion.

**Lobster fishing banned**  
RIYADH, Feb. 4 — Lobster fishing in the Gulf has been banned between February and June to allow the fish to breed and multiply, according to official sources here Wednesday. The sources said that studies have shown that the stock was dwindling in the quantity because of over-fishing lately.

**Non-aligned delegation named**  
JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — A delegation of foreign ministry officials will leave here Thursday for New Delhi to take part in the foreign ministers' conference of non-aligned nations which opens in the Indian capital Monday. The team includes Mamoon Khairy Qabbani, director of the western department, Saleh Al Sugair, ambassador in India; and Abdul Lateef Al Yamani, director of the economic department.

**SR1 million donated**  
RIYADH, Feb. 4 — Three persons donated SR1 million each to the center for the handicapped which is being built under the sponsorship of Dr. Ghazi Algasbi, minister of industry and electricity. One million was donated by Sulaiman Olayan, another by Muwafaq Al Maidani and the third anonymously.



ROYAL TOUR: Mecca Governor Prince Majed inspects Jeddah's desalination plant recently

## At 6th session

## King to give mosque council speech

MECCA, Feb. 4 (SPA) — King Khaled will address the sixth session of the World Supreme Council of Mosques, which will be opened here Thursday by Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen.

The King's speech will be read on his behalf by Prince Sand. In Saudi Arabia, the King is the custodian of the two Holy Harams (the Kaaba in Mecca and the Holy Prophet's mosque in Medina). King Khaled also was recently elected president of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The meeting also will be addressed by Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, the council's president, OIC Secretary General Habib Chatbi, whose message will be read by a representative; and Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League where the conference is being held. Dr. Ahmad Ramzi, Morocco's minister of endowments and Islamic affairs, will address the council on behalf of all its members before the council's Secretary General Ali Mokhtar reads his annual report on the council's activities.

Prince Saud will give a luncheon at the Intercontinental Hotel Thursday in honor of delegates to the one-week conference.

Among the wide range of Islamic issues on the agenda are Jerusalem and Palestine; the struggle of the Muslim people of Afghanistan, the council's regional bureaus throughout the world; and the outcome of the Third Islamic Summit Conference which opened in Mecca, and concluded in Taif.

Mokhtar thanked Saudi Arabia Wednesday for the assistance permanently extended by King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to the council's fund which serves to build and renovate mosques in various parts of the world with a view to propagating the Islamic faith. The council group has 50 members from all over the world.

## Medina to get fourth bus line

MEDINA, Feb. 4 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Corporation (SAPTCO) will soon add a fourth line to the three already operated here as of the 11th of Rabi-ul-Awwal. SAPTCO's President Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, minister of communications, said that the new line will go to the Eastern part of the city's center.

Before the new line reaches the center, it will pass through Al-Munakha street, Al-Hezam Al-Akhdar (Green Belt) street, Al-Ayneyyah street, and Airport Road. It will then go to the King Hospital, Abu Zerr mosque off airport road, Al-Jezrah school, Al-Salam clinic, SAPTCO's offices, Sandia offices, Al-Jassem Furniture, Al-Forra Al-Sharqiyah, Saad bin Ibadah school, the Chest Diseases Hospital, the Licenses Department, the modern Intermediate School, the Kindergarten, The Eye Hospital, the Criminology Department, and finally Omar bin Abdul Aziz Intermediate School.

On the return trip, the itinerary will be the same up to Al-Munakha street, following which the bus will run past Al-Ghomama mosque to Bab Al-Salam Square — its terminal.

The new line will operate from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. at a frequency of one trip every ten minutes. The line will be inscribed on the bus in Arabic and English in red. SAPTCO applies a fixed tariff of SR1 on all lines in Medina.

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# British trade mission plans visit

**By a Staff Writer**

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — Twelve companies involved in the design, construction and supply of plant and equipment for oil and gas exploration, production and distribution, will take part in a trade mission to Saudi Arabia from Feb. 6-18 under the umbrella of the Council of British Manufacturers of Petroleum Equipment, a press report said.

Leading the mission will be Stanley Wilce, managing director of engineering firm, Manson and Hatchett, who believes that Britain can match — if not better — any other country in the field of petroleum technology equipment.

The mission secretary will be CBMPE deputy director, Richard Lack, who explained, "The purpose of the mission is to obtain information about projects of interest to our members. The mission itself is a very representative

body of petroleum equipment manufacturers, and it will give them a chance to make business and personal contacts and launch themselves into the Saudi market."

During their 12-day stay, company representatives will visit Riyadh, Jeddah and Dhahran, will talk to executives from Petromin and ARAMCO oil companies, will meet contractors, government ministers and officials and business associations and tour refineries in Riyadh and Jeddah.

The present level of oil activity in Saudi Arabia means that the Kingdom offers vast potential to the 380 CBMPE members, said Lack. "The last official visit was in 1967, but in 1980 the situation has changed in that the UK has become an oil-producing country. Therefore, as British industry has obtained a pre-eminent position in the world of oil technology, the approach of the mission is different."

The 12 companies participating in the mission include manufacturers of storage tanks; electrical equipment for use in flammable atmospheres; process valves; precision engineering components for the process marine and utility industries; and industrial and marine gas turbines. In addition the group will include gasket manufacturers for the petrocarbon and allied industries, process contractors and engineers.

The CBMPE was formed in 1943 as a non-profit making trade association of British-based suppliers to the oil, petrochemical and process industries. Its main aim being the promotion of business opportunities and contacts between members and user industries.



James Abourezk Ex-senator to lecture

**By a Staff Writer**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 — Former Senator James Abourezk will tour Saudi Arabia and deliver lectures. His first lecture will be given at Damman's Carlton Hotel on Saturday. He will then give several lectures in Riyadh until February 12. The lectures will be in connection with a group which Abourezk heads in the United States called "Society Against the Distorted Arab Image in the United States." But the ex-senator told Arab News that if asked he will reply to queries on other subjects.

## Cultural group begins meeting

**DOHA, Feb. 4 (SPA) —** The fifth meeting of the Permanent Committee to prepare for the First Arab Gulf Cultural Festival began here Tuesday. The festival is scheduled in Paris, 27 Rabi ul Thani to 7 Jumad Al Thani. The three-day meeting will discuss the technical and financial arrangements for the festival.

Taking part in the meetings are representatives from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and the Arab Gulf Education Bureau.

The purpose of the festival is to shed light on the area's arts and cultural heritage along with the overall development taking place in the Gulf. It will include exhibitions on various arts and handicraft, films and books.

## Kingdom to join meteorology talks

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia will take part in the International Meteorology Organization's scientific and technical adjustment conference that opens in Geneva Feb. 16, it was reported Wednesday.

The four-day conference will discuss issues related to the international meteorology programs and technical definitions in developing countries. The Kingdom is participating, because Jeddah is considered a regional communications center, in addition to being a meteorology center for the Asian continent.

The Kingdom's delegation will comprise Dr. Abdul Bar Al-Gain, assistant director general of the Meteorology Department, and other officials.

For the past three years, under a directive of Crown Prince Fahd, the General Directorate of Meteorology has been working to develop environmental standards for the country. The organization to oversee this work has been established in the current five-year plan as the Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration.

The task outlined for the group of scientists of MEPA is one of collecting and analyzing

data, and putting alternative solutions to the policy makers. The directorate's first step was to develop general environmental standards for ambient air quality and air pollution sources. The task initially was tackled by making measurements of air quality in different cities and regions in the country.

## Purification plant design studied

DAMMAM, Feb. 4 (SPA) — Designs for a new water purification plant and a main water reservoir at Nuaireyyah were discussed here Wednesday at a meeting of the Eastern Province's Environmental Health Committee under Abdul Rahman Al-Shuhayyel, director general of municipal and rural affairs in the area and the committee's chairman.

Completion of a water pipe network to bring water to residents of Tarout Island also was discussed as tender documents will be issued soon. A progress report on Ahsa's sewage network was also reviewed during the meeting.

## COMMENT

**By Hussein Ali Hussein**  
*Al Medina*

Some people get so addicted to telephone conversation that it almost becomes an incurable disease in their case. You find someone beginning his morning with phone calls and ending the day with the same. He may not feel an iota of shame in clinging to the receiver for an hour or two even when he is a guest at someone's house. He easily forgets he is in the house of a host or a friend and is not lying cozily in his own house.

You may observe another type of person who has a craze for standing at the roadside telephone booth and making calls for hours altogether, no matter whether he talks objectively or just aimlessly!

Such a person feels the pinch of a lifetime when he receives a bill of SR3,000 for a quarter of a year. Only then he realizes what he had done. But then it's too late. He has to pay the bill or he will be denied the service!

There is yet another kind who is not satisfied with just one telephone set, but makes it a point to have hookups in his office, his living room, bedroom and even in the bathroom. He does not want to miss any call even if he had to get up very late at night.

Discussing the subject, I recall a hotel official who related to me that a famous film star once stayed in his hotel for one week. When she left, she paid 27,000 francs for her telephone bills only! It was no wonder, as she used to hang on to the receiver calling New York, Rome and London and talking with least known persons for hours together. Being bored in Paris, she used to console herself in this manner.

I can't really imagine Paris can be so boring as to compel one to call acquaintances at long distances. It is, however, difficult for me to decide whether this instrument has some magic in it or the persons called have a gravitational force that has attracted the caller!

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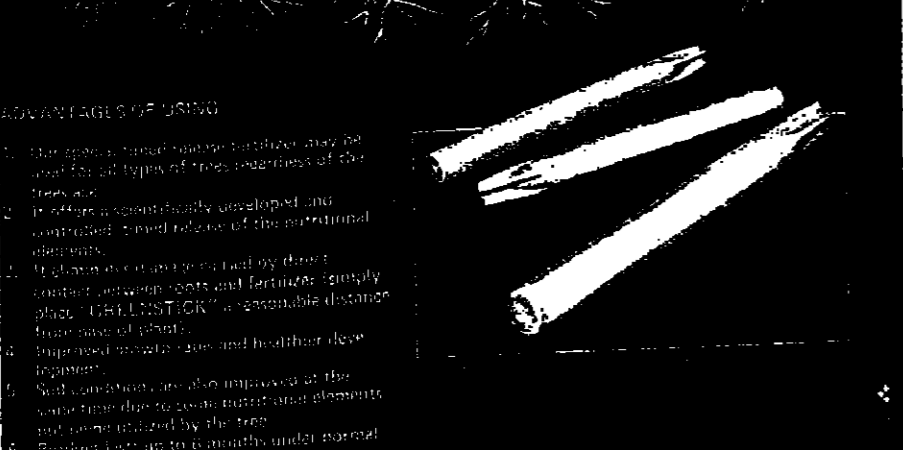
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## PLO claims role in hostage release

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization has said that its efforts were instrumental in the release of the 52 American hostages from Iran. Representatives of the group told a news conference here Tuesday that this role "reflects intentions of goodwill toward the American people."

Members of Zionist organizations passed out literature at the door of the room in which the news conference was held claiming that PLO members helped train Iranian radicals and coordinated the assault on the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

"That is not true at all," said Dr. Hatem Hussaini, the PLO's spokesman in Washington. "We totally deny that. This is

part of a campaign of smearing in this country."

He contended the PLO has played "a very positive role in trying to bring about a better understanding between Iran and the United States." He said this resulted in the selection of Algeria as the diplomatic intermediary in the negotiations that led to the freedom of the hostages.

Hussaini and Dr. Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, a member of the PLO's assembly, said they are seeking wider appreciation for the Palestinian cause among the American people in order to change U.S. public opinion and put pressure on the Reagan administration to stop arming Israel with sophisticated weapons.

## Israeli attacks hinder peace -- Ghali

CAIRO, Feb. 4 (AP) — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali has condemned Israel's "measures in occupied Arab territories and its aggressions on South Lebanon" which he said endanger peace in the Middle East.

In a statement to the Middle East News Agency, Ghali said Egypt "views these aggressions as obstacles in the road to peace and a flagrant violation of the Camp David agreements."

## U.N. resolutions irk American Jews

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 4 (AP) — American Jewish leaders warned Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim Tuesday that the U.N. was in danger of losing U.S. public support because of an "unremitting series of anti-Israel resolutions" adopted by the world body.

This increasing "disenchantment" particularly marked among American Jews — could threaten the very existence of the U.N.

## Somalia's refugees face water crisis

MOGADISHU, Feb. 4 (R) — More than one million refugees face a severe water shortage in camps here, Somalia's refugee commission has announced. Worst hit are 850,000 refugees in 24 camps in the south of the country where the Shabeli and Juba Rivers are at low levels because of drought. Poor

quality water is also causing water-borne diseases.

The Somali government says refugees are still arriving at the rate of 2,000 a day from east Ethiopia where Somali freedom fighters are opposing government rule in the ethnically Somali region.

## Students seize Lebanese embassy in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 4 (AP) — About 60 unarmed high school students seized the Lebanese embassy here Tuesday to press demands for lower tuition fees and an investigation into the alleged assassination of four of their companions, a spokesman for the group said. No violence was reported. The students demanded that Ambassador

they claimed.

Howard Squadron, chairman of the conference of presidents of major American Jewish organizations, said that he and the heads of six affiliated groups tried to impress on Waldheim that there was a growing perception among Americans that the U.N. had become "an instrument for delegitimizing Israel — or at least attacking its status — and for elevating and supporting the PLO."

Hani El-Amine, who was in the building at the time of the seizure, help them get an interview with Education Secretary Fernando Solana to outline their grievances. They complained that education officials refused several requests to meet with them during the past few days.

## Pakistani pressmen seek end to curbs

KARACHI, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — A few Pakistani journalists have observed an anti-censorship day, demanding annulment of press laws and censorship and restoration of freedom of the press. Journalists and press workers in some newspaper offices observed a two-hour "pen down" strike Tuesday to register their protest against pre-censorship which has been in force since Oct. 16, 1979.

A protest meeting was held at Karachi Press Club under Minhaj Bana, chairman of the dissident faction of the All Pakistan Newspaper Employees Confederation. Representatives of lawyers, writers, and students organizations also addressed the gathering.

A resolution passed at the meeting also called for restoration of two banned leftist newspapers *Musawat* and *Sadaqat* and release of arrested journalists.

Meanwhile, in Lahore the government has detained about 30 persons on suspicion of passing government secrets to Libya, lawyers involved in the case said. The group, mainly low-ranking members of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's banned People's Party, were detained during raids on homes in Lahore Jan. 9 and 10.

Although no formal charges have been made, the authorities said during habeas corpus proceedings, in the provincial high court that the group had been detained under Pakistan's Army Act, which was designed to combat subversion, for allegedly passing information and documents to an "unfriendly country," the lawyers told Reuters.

Among those held were Mrs. Farkhanda Bokhari, wife of noted Urdu language poet Shorah Bokhari, and former parliamentarian Sardar Mazza Ali Khan.

## BRIEFS

LUXEMBOURG, (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will address the European parliament next Tuesday and meet with high ranking officials of the Common Market. The visit will be the first stop on a tour that is scheduled to include Paris and Washington.

PARIS, (AFP) — More than 80 Tunisian immigrant workers were rounded up Tuesday in a pre-dawn police raid on their hostel outside Paris, and three of them are to be expelled from France, police said. All but the three who are to be deported were released later, police added.

BEIRUT, (R) — The wreckage of a Lebanese army helicopter missing since Tuesday was found Wednesday with all four persons aboard dead, official sources said. The aircraft, whose passengers included a Syrian officer, crashed in a snowy mountain region northeast of Beirut after delivering food supplies to troops of the Arab peacekeeping force.

## Sudanese ambassador confers with Qaddafi

PARIS, Feb. 4 (AFP) — Sudan's ambassador to Tripoli met Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi and spoke of the need to develop the "fraternal relations" between

the two peoples, Radio Tripoli said in a broadcast monitored here Monday night. Sudan has been strongly critical of the Libyan military intervention in Chad, which

has brought Libyan soldiers into eastern Chad, close to the Sudanese border. The radio also said Qaddafi had met the ambassadors of Mali and Algeria.

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### Helmsley Palace, Grand Hyatt open

# New York city houses most expensive hotels

By Dean Lokken

NEW YORK, (R) — New York City, long accustomed to offering luxury to those who can afford it, is undergoing a renaissance in its hotel industry — especially for the well-heeled tourist. Six new hotels have just opened adding nearly 6,000 rooms to the 100,000 already existing in the city. None caters to the destitute.

The largest and most opulent are the 1,100-room Helmsley Palace, a shiny tower overlooking St. Patrick's Cathedral in the heart of Manhattan, and the 1,400-room Grand Hyatt New York, a glass-fronted monolith adjacent to Grand Central Station.

"The most expensive is one of the four 'triplexes' on top of the Helmsley Palace at a staggering \$1,800 a night. But it will give the weary traveller a private lift, grand piano, two-storey living room, two bathrooms, four bedrooms and a spectacular view of Manhattan."

The cheapest guest room, for one person, costs \$115 a night at the Grand Hyatt.

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The Helmsley Palace, constructed by real estate tycoon Harry B. Helmsley was built so

as to use a 100-year-old mansion as its main entrance. The Villard Mansion, as it was known, was refurbished with some of its original furnishings with the addition of modern lighting and plush carpeting.

Helmsley and his wife Leona, president of the couple's nationwide chain of 30 hotels, said they were trying to re create the elegant ambience of an earlier era in preserving the mansion.

A sales brochure invites visitors to pause beside a red verona marble fireplace, overlooking a grand stairway: "Your view from this vantage point may include glimpses of high society arriving from a grand party or ball, much in the same manner as their pre-

decessors, nearly a century ago."

In its early years, the mansion was private residence where in 1918 Queen Victoria's third son, Arthur, was a guest and where in 1925 a ball was held for the then Prince of Wales, who became Duke of Windsor after abdicating the English throne to wed Mrs. Wallis Simpson, an American.

The Helmsleys, who spent \$100 million on the project, erected a 51-storey skyscraper behind the mansion for guest rooms.

### Book reveals anecdotes

## Do journalists lack human feelings?

By Katharine Whitehorn

LONDON (OSS) — If you were asked who shot Lee Harvey Oswald, you would probably say Jack Ruby. But there's another possible answer to the question: the photographer who shot those staggering pictures of Ruby gunning him down. And what has eased my mind ever since is wondering whether, if he had dropped his camera and grabbed the gunman, we might, with Oswald alive, know more than we now know why Kennedy died.

The thought is prompted by the appearance in America of Edward Behr's book *Airings*. The remark was originally made by BBC teams going around the scenes of ravage and despair in an airport in the Congo, one of the many places where Behr has covered the arduous — he's not only an old Congo hand, but a veteran reporter of Algeria, Indo-China, Vietnam — the lot.

In this book, Behr produces some other instances of the press staying cold-blooded while all around them were in the thick of it: the photographer in the massacres that followed Britain quitting India, who made a sorrowful Indian family bury and rebury its dead several times until he got a perfect shot, and the BBC sound man who held up a Nigerian execution for half-an-hour while he adjusted his sound equipment.

Should these journalists, these photographers, have just stood back and watched while people killed each other? It's a tricky ethical question, and not just a matter of how brave anyone was feeling at the time, because without authentic pictures, how will the world know, how should the world believe what atrocities are committed? And, one dead photographer does not do much for the cause he cares about, even if he did feel compelled to weigh in and take sides.

Our professional ethic, I suppose, enjoins us to stay uncommitted and report the facts. Certainly, some of the seediest of journalists are those who pile on one set of adjectives — squalid, butchering, oppressive — for terrorism of whose aims they disapprove, and quite

another set — committed, dedicated, idealistic — for the same thing done by those they like.

But it leaves out a lot. "My complaint against journalists," a friend of mine once said, "is not that they behave badly in the course of duty, but their inability to recoil into a human being when it's over."

Harsh words, but true enough: one comes to live with the story, to think that getting a good splash is everything, never mind the human implications.

It's hard to have human feelings on an off-duty only basis, simpler not to have them at all. I have not forgotten an occasion over 20 years ago, when a bird-man was going to jump from a press-filled Rapide. He got his equipment tangled with the aeroplane in some way, and plunged to his death. As most of them watched in shocked horror, one newsman ran down the plane with the words: "My God, what a story."

It's useful to have impartial ethics in a profession: doctors who will treat both sides and lawyers who will argue equally well for the innocent and the guilty. When it comes down to it, you probably do a better job following the custom and practice of your profession than you do on individual impulse.

But is there not a point in any profession where you are forced back against the wall as a human being, where a doctor should hand Jack the Ripper over to the police and a lawyer refuse to suppress the bloodstained evidence that proves his client a torturer? I think there is, and I was heartened as well as relieved by one of Behr's stories.

During the Algerian confusion, some Tunisian soldiers were preparing to shoot their prisoners ("what a story"). One journalist, an Italian, walked over and just calmly stood in front of the wretched men, implying that if the soldiers shot them, they would have to shoot him too. Finally some officers arrived and defused the explosive situation, and just a handful of the lives that went up in that particular bonfire were saved.

A newshound may start out just to get a good story, but it is not impossible, all the same, for him to end as a man.

## Westerners scramble for Russian fur

By Marc Rosenwasser

LENINGRAD, (AP) — For once, the fur really was flying. A 22-year-old Leningrad biology student, not used to bargaining for what he buys, watched incredulously as New York City's Ernie Kremnitzer and 260 other foreign fur traders wheeled and dealt at the semi-annual fur auction here in January.

"It's all very funny," the student said. They are like small children shouting at each other.

Of course, the buyers from 24 foreign countries had big pockets with lots of hard currency in them. When their shouts "up, up, p," had died down and they were finished bidding and buying, the Soviets were smiling the way to the State Bank — \$50 million in and.

In 1931, when the Soviet fur company Sojuzpushnina was established, its foreign trade was limited to 600 companies in 19 countries.

Nowadays, the Russian firm claims to have 1,000 customers in 60 countries and says it not only deals in furs, but also in leather.

One Westerner said the recent deterioration of Soviet-American relations has caused one fear that the Soviets might stop the export of their precious furs to the United States, making it even more important to do business now.

The biggest lure in Leningrad is Russian sable. "They have Russian sables here and no lace else," said Leonard Springer of New York. It was a higher stakes game this year than any time before. One New Yorker paid a record \$2,000 for each of the 25 sable skins in the lot. Soviet officials said that was several hundred dollars above the previous record. It takes at least 50 and as many as 80 skins

to make a coat.

"Right now, sable is like the caviar of furs," Kremnitzer said.

He and other Americans say Russian sable prices are soaring because it is in style and demand, but other fur prices are rising too.

Certain pieces of fox that sold for five dollars 15 years ago are now going for \$125. Lynx furs sold here for \$100 a few years back now command ten times that amount or more.

"Articles in short supply and in demand will appreciate," said Kremnitzer. Precious little besides sable and a few other exotic furs distinguishes the Leningrad auction from others in Europe at other times of the year.

Transactions are made in dollars. Bidding is in English, and the Russians, who normally regulate all prices, seem content not to interfere with the natural flow of the market, especially since it is steadily up.

In fact, the Leningrad fur auction has become so Western-oriented that the state fur company has its own little public relations department.

Its director says the Soviets export only 10 per cent of their furs despite their money-making potential. "We need our furs," he said during an interview. "We have a real winter here."

Other Russians say fur coats are in short supply in the state stores, selling out quickly.

Most fur coats sell in Moscow for at least 500 rubles (about \$750), though rabbit fur coats, for instance, can be bought for as little as 300 rubles. The average monthly wage here is about 165 rubles. Russians are not allowed to choose the best from the stock.

"We have the right to select the best for export to satisfy the market and get the highest price," a Sojuzpushnina official said.

The New York Times hailed the palace's opening last September as probably the city's most awaited and most debated hotel in 50 years. It praised the Helmsleys' renovation of the mansion but turned thumbs down on the glass skyscraper.

"The tower, which is a boring box sheathed in a dark-brown colored metal, is as mediocre a new building on the outside as any Manhattan street has seen in a long time..." It said.

"It is hard to believe that within this cheap-looking box people would be willing to pay between \$120 and 170 a night. The Grand Hyatt, has fared better with the critics of architecture, perhaps because it poured all of its \$100 million into one style — modern.

Its huge marbled atrium is a mixture of glass and brass with a variety of plants and a 100-foot high sculpture.

The cocktail lounge is the pride of the hotel. It is an airy glass cage filled with plants and sunshine, hanging out over 42nd Street and attracting long lines of workers from nearby office buildings at the cocktail hour.

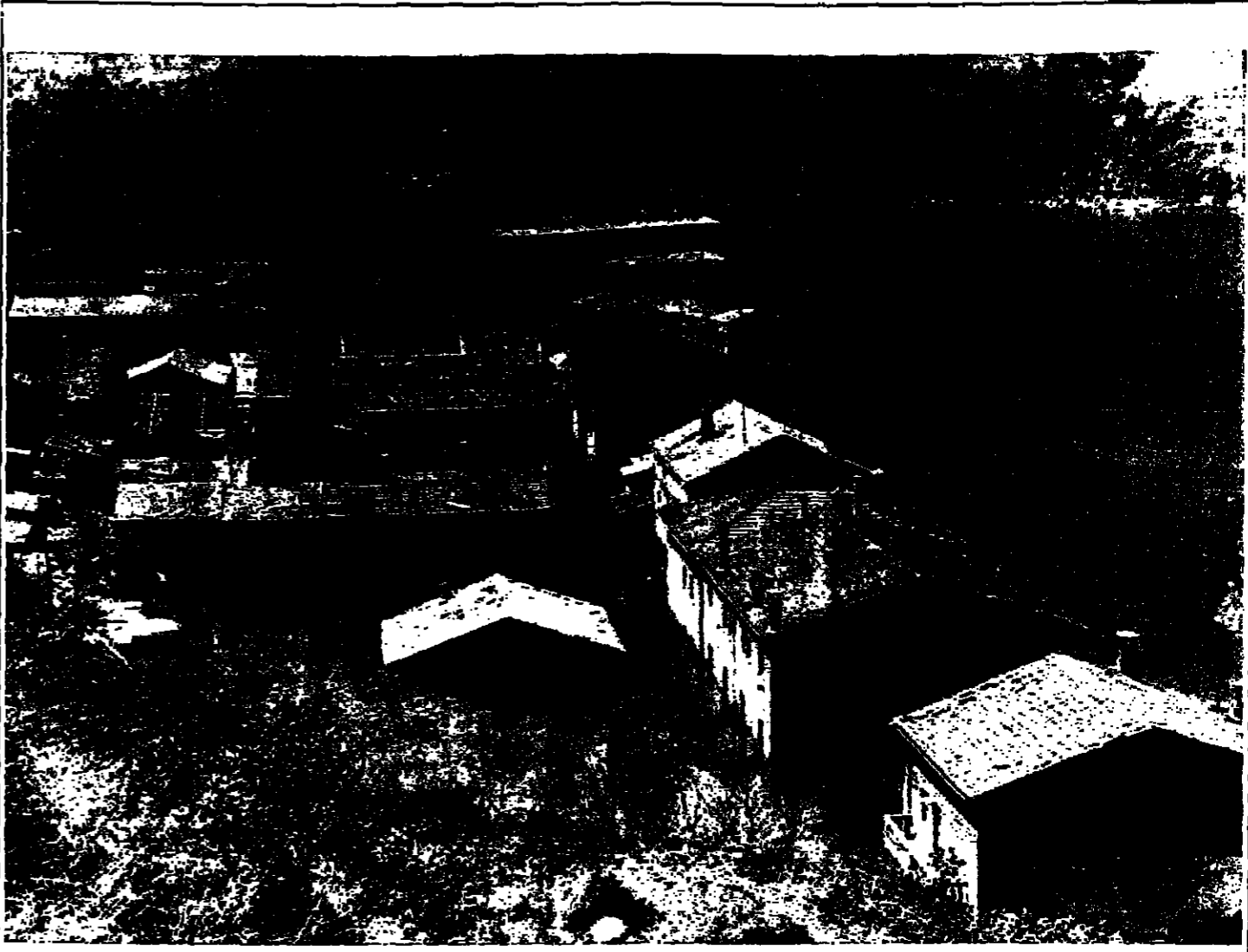
Unlike the palace which has tried to embrace the past, the Grand Hyatt reaches for the present and future — escalators and banks of lifts, a glassed-in bakery where diners can watch their pastries leave the oven and a long reception desk equipped with more computer terminals than paper.

Only the site and the steel skeleton are historic. The Hyatt Corporation purchased the 65-year-old Commodore Hotel and built the new hotel around them.

The Commodore is remembered as Dwight D. Eisenhower's presidential campaign headquarters in the 1950s and for its homecoming banquet for Charles Lindbergh after his historic 1927 lone Transatlantic flight to Paris.

"We're an American hotel," Fred Alexander, general manager says, stressing what he says is its informal, quick and efficient service. All, he admitted, at a high price.

When the Grand Hyatt opened in September, single rooms cost \$75 a night, a price which has since jumped to \$115, plus an eight per cent sales tax.



SACRIFICE: This flooded village, on the Rio Segre, is the result of the harnessing of Spanish rivers for the purpose of creating hydro-electric power. Such pathetic scenes are considered unfortunate architectural sacrifices to progress. Ironically, the dams are also used as part of a conservation plan to provide water to dry areas in the summer. Northern Spain is well served by hydro-electric power, financed by the thriving tourist industry on the Mediterranean.

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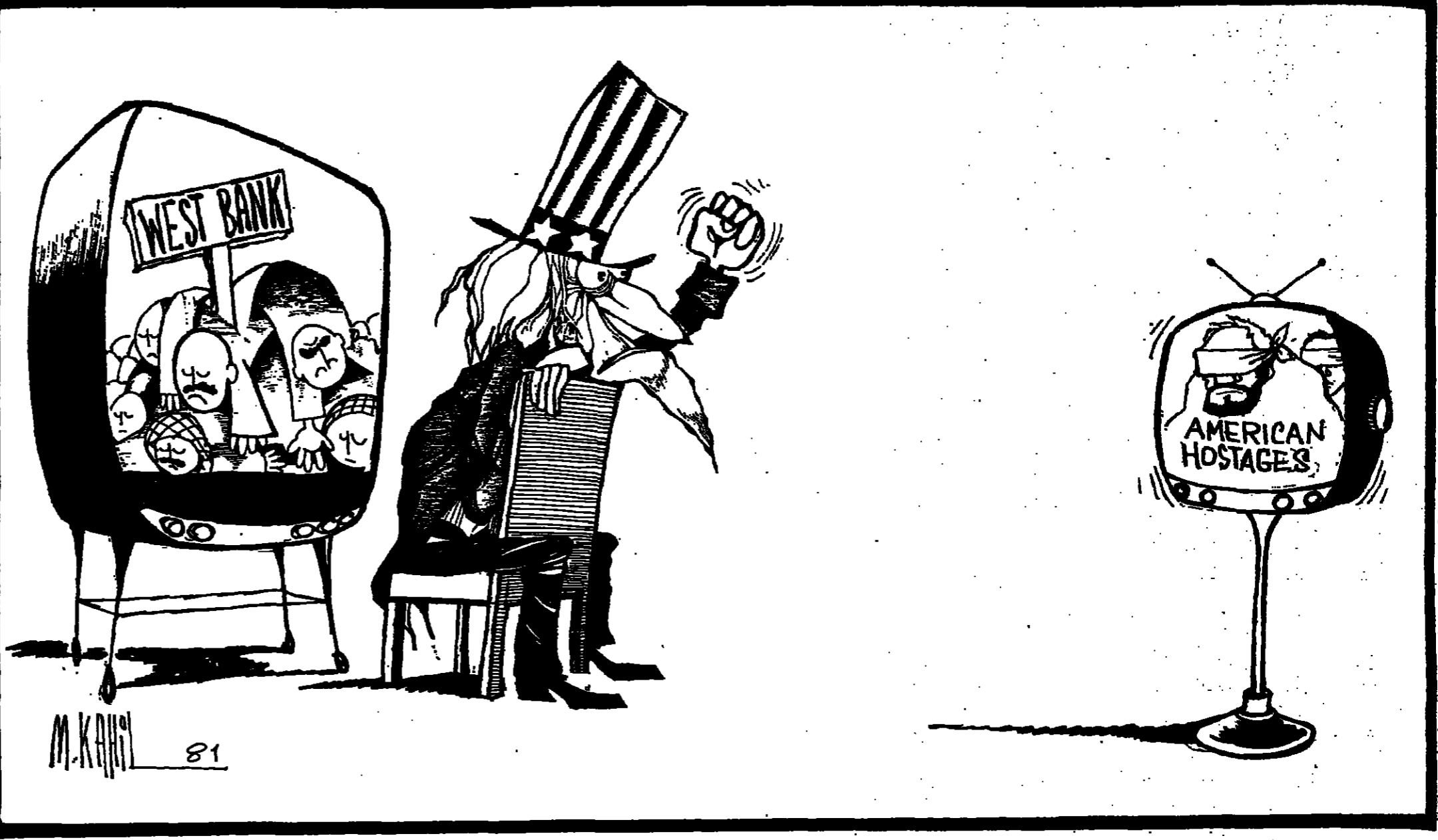
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## The Third Islamic Summit (III) Wide ranging political issues tackled

(Editor's note: Following is the third of a seven-part series on the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Taif from Jan. 25 to 28).

By A Special Correspondent

JEDDAH — The Afghanistan issue was one of the prominent political problems tackled at the Third Islamic Summit. This question has of late been of primary concern to the Organization of the Islamic Conference. Soon after the Russian invasion of this Muslim country, Islamic foreign ministers had gone into their first extra-ordinary session in Islamabad in January, 1980 and come out with vigorous denunciation of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. The matter was subsequently on top of the agenda of ministerial meetings of OIC held last year in Islamabad (at the regular annual session), and in Amman, Fez and New York at special meetings. A committee on Afghanistan composed of the secretary general of the OIC, and the foreign ministers of Pakistan and Iran has also been involved in seeking a settlement of this problem.

The summit was addressed by representatives of the Afghan Mujahideen and it was reported that there was a general debate on this subject. The resolution on the situation in Afghanistan viewed with grave concern the continued Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the consequent impediments which hamper the Afghan people from exercising their right to determine their own political future. The summit strongly renewed the demand for the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of all foreign troops from Afghanistan. It urged all states to extend assistance which can alleviate the sufferings of the Afghan refugees and called for creation of conditions to enable these refugees to return to their homeland in safety and honor.

The secretary general of the OIC was requested to follow up the implementation of this resolution. The summit also decided that the ministerial committee on Afghanistan (expanded to include Guinea and Tunisia besides its original membership) should cooperate with the U.N. secretary general and his special representative to reach a settlement in Afghanistan.

Regarding the question of Islamic Solidarity, the summit considered this to be a priority objective stipulated and enshrined in the OIC Charter. It invited member states to pursue a policy based on mutual cooperation and coexistence regardless of their different political, economic or social systems. It appealed to member states to fully adhere to the principle of non-intervention in each others' internal affairs, to exert efforts to eliminate any ideological or sectarian differences and to stress the basic spiritual, moral and social values which are common to all Muslims.

The summit further urged member states to speed up cooperation in economic, trade and technical fields in the interest of Islamic solidarity and called for their cooperation and coordinated efforts in international forums and also to consolidate the legitimate Islamic institutions which are operating in the political, social and cultural fields. Finally, under this resolution, the summit enjoined the member states of the OIC to refrain from entering into military pacts existing within the context of superpower rivalry or to grant military facilities to these powers.

### Letter to the editor

Dear sir,  
 It was a moving sight to witness the presence of a large gathering of leaders of the Islamic world in the Holy Ka'aba. The entire Ummah prayed for the success of the third Islamic Summit Conference. The role played by Saudi Arabia in the convening of this historic conference is worthy of high praise and gratitude of the entire Islamic world.  
 The people of occupied Afghanistan, like other suffering Muslims, pin high hopes on this conference. In our hour of trial we remain assured of the continued support from you all. Today the toll of Afghan victims to win their freedom from the Russian aggressors is unbelievable:  
 Executed: 70,000  
 Martyrs (air and ground action): 530,000  
 Prisoners: 100,000  
 Homeless in Afghanistan: 1,000,000  
 Refugees (in Pakistan & Iran): 2,000,000  
 Help us and remember that Russia has expanded at the cost of Muslim lands in the last five centuries. Stop this aggression by helping the freedom fighters of Afghanistan.

N. Naushad  
 P. Box 1540  
 Jeddah

In considering the problems of the Sahel Region, the conference heard statements from some of the stricken areas of Africa whose countries have faced drought and famine since 1974. The president of Mali is reported to have made an impassioned plea for assistance to the 10 African countries afflicted by this problem. He explained the activities of the Inter-State Committee for Drought Control of the Sahel (CILSS) which has been trying to combat this menace. The summit decided to assume responsibility for assisting the Sahel states in accordance with Islamic solidarity and as a first step set up a committee composed of the OIC secretary general, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, P.L.O., U.A.E., Kuwait, and a representative of the Sahel region to look into this problem.

The question of the Comoro Island of Mayotte was also taken up which has been before the OIC since the Seventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in 1976. The island of Mayotte has been the subject of dispute and then negotiation between France and the Comoros since it was not joined to the Comoros after the latter gained independence from French rule and remains under France's con-

rol. The summit in the relevant resolution adopted renewed the support for the Comorian government's claim to restore Mayotte to Comorian entity and called on the Comoros and France to find a speedy and just solution to the Mayotte question in conformity with the resolutions adopted on the subject by the OIC.

The summit also called for a just and peaceful solution to the Eritrean Question and to support all efforts being made to reach such a solution. In this connection, it decided to set up a committee including Sudan, Senegal, Guinea and the OIC secretary general to carry out the necessary contacts and to follow up efforts to attain a peaceful settlement of this question.

The summit expressed full support and solidarity with the Muslim population of the Horn of Africa and appealed to all parties to resolve their differences and reach a just solution of the problem; to demand immediate and total withdrawal of all foreign forces from the Horn of Africa; and launched an appeal to all member states to extend financial and material assistance to the populations concerned

and particularly to the refugees.

The Iran-Iraq dispute was one of the items included on the agenda and expected to be a subject generating heated debate. The Iranians had, however, chosen to shun the summit and a last minute bid to prevail upon them to come to Taif failed. Thus there could be no general debate on this question though many leaders in their speeches alluded to this conflict and regretted the ongoing war between Iraq and Iran. The summit launched an appeal to the two countries to end the fighting and to accept the good offices of the OIC to resolve their differences peacefully. It was agreed to expand the OIC good offices committee to include Senegal, Bangladesh, Gambia, P.L.O., Turkey and Malaysia besides Pakistan and the OIC secretary general to attempt to arrange a ceasefire and find a political solution to the Iraq-Iran conflict.

The political matters having been resolved satisfactorily, the Islamic leaders in Taif then turned to equally important matters in the economic, social and cultural fields which would affect the daily lives of a mass of humanity. (To Be Continued)

## Haig: A diplomat or militarist?

By Anthony Sampson

LONDON — Last month Gen. Alexander Haig took over as secretary of state, having come through his confirmation hearings with few scars. Even his old critic, the *New York Times*, has grudgingly conceded that he is more a diplomat than a militarist: "He is tough and flexible, articulate and fuzzy, devious and direct, a secretary of state."

It is absurd, of course, to suggest that a general cannot be a statesman; Gen. Marshall made the same transition, as Haig reminded the senators, and Marshall became one of the most imaginative and farsighted secretaries of state. Eisenhower made the same switch, to become a trenchant critic of the military. But their past experience was a far more testing one, in a global war. Haig's experience is still summed up in one word: loyalty.

I have my own uneasy recollection of that loyalty. It was when Judge Sirica in Washington was trying to investigate, with great patience and fairness, the mystery of the missing 18 minutes on one of President Nixon's tapes. He called Haig, together with many other witnesses, to give evidence, and Haig, with his pale watery eyes unblinking, answered coolly and convincingly as always, denying any knowledge.

It was obvious that someone was lying, but impossible to discover who. In the interval I spoke to Haig, who was standing aloof from the crowd of spectators and journalists in the lobby. Haig immediately burst out into a passionate attack on the whole proceedings: "It's like the Salem witch-hunt" — and complained bitterly about the impossibility of getting a fair hearing in this poisoned atmosphere.

I tried to suggest there were grounds for disbelief: he saw himself as a martyr to the mob, and could not imagine others legitimately doubting his commander-in-chief. Haig's loyalty cannot be questioned — whether to Nixon, Ford, or to NATO. But can he combine that dogged and often admirable quality with seeing the other side of the question, which is the essence of real diplomacy? Can he tell the differences between a military defense against Soviet imperialism and a much more subtle political response? As it happens a critical test case is waiting for him as he takes office: the problem of Namibia.

It is so much easier to depict Namibia in simple military terms. Black guerrillas, Communist-trained, invading the borders of this South African outpost, terrorizing and murdering the villagers. Support in Angola in the background from Cubans and East Germans, roasting Angola as a puppet-state committed to Marxism. The SWAPO leader Sam Nujoma, fitting between Communist capitals, always ready to make a statement which bears out the worst fears of the West. And Namibia itself — sorry, South West Africa — a valuable prize for the Communist victors, with its uranium and diamonds and its long frontier with South Africa. One can visualize the arrows and dotted lines on the military map, the confidential briefings from Pretoria to Washington.

But how different and much more difficult it looks from the country itself. The people are determined to achieve their independence from South Africa which the United Nations has promised them and which is their right under the terms of trusteeship; and, they are fixed by the example of Mugabe, but like Mugabe very skeptical of Soviet intentions. Many of them are caught between the

SWAPO guerrillas and the South African counter-terrorists.

Many of them are worried about Nujoma's frenzied broadcasts but still looking to Nujoma as their liberator, so long as the West or the United Nations offers no alternative salvation. The longer the confrontation between SWAPO and South Africa continues, the harder it is for any moderate alternative leader to emerge.

And north of Namibia, Angola is far from being a simple Communist camp. The Angolans have privately made no secret to U.N. officials of their desire to get rid of the Cubans, but so long as the war on the frontier continues, they think they cannot safely dispense with them.

And, beyond Angola there is the whole jigsaw of back countries whose political coloring will partly depend on the future of Namibia, and where the West has far greater diplomatic opportunities if it can be seen to divorce itself from South Africa. The British success in Zimbabwe — however fragile it may be — has opened a way for much more trustful relationships with Zambia and Mozambique.

The prospect in Namibia at the moment is bleak. Negotiations in Geneva have collapsed, and the fighting will continue with increasing polarization. SWAPO will insist on United States sanctions against South Africa, which will not be enforced. But, the United States and Britain still have powerful leverage on South Africa to make a settlement, if they care to deploy it.

Will Haig have the imagination to see beyond the military confrontation, and look toward the political prize? In his hearings, he made it clear that he had not thought much about it; when asked about Namibia he said it was too sensitive for comment.

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Wednesday led with the meeting of foreign ministers of Arab states of the Gulf in Riyadh, to discuss political, military, economic and security coordination among the countries of the region. Meanwhile, *Al Riyadh* said in a lead story that reports on regional projects have been submitted to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd. *Al Medina* led with the signing of the agreement on the methanol project, saying Saudi Arabia's industrial projects in the future would be undertaken at Islamic, Arab and Gulf level.

*Al Riyadh* frontpaged Iraq's official confirmation of the arrival of French 'Mirage' warplanes, giving highlight to Baghdad's appreciation to the positive stance of France. Newspapers gave page one coverage to Iraq's readiness to welcome the Good Offices Committee of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). *Okaz* played as a front-page story U.S. President Ronald Reagan's announcement that the building of Israeli settlements is a provocative act and Palestinian rights form a basic part of any accord on the crisis. Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan's denial of Western press reports about signing military pacts with Pakistan figured prominently on the front page of *Al Jazirah* newspaper.

Newspaper editorials mainly discussed cooperation among the Arab states of the Gulf. *Al Bilad* said the meeting of Gulf foreign ministers takes place amid world concern for the role of the Arab states of the Gulf in consolidating the bases of security and stability and keeping the region away from the

game of international conflict. The paper asserted that the region's security is the responsibility of its own people, as they can play a tangible role in a spirit of peace and tranquility in the region. The paper scoffed at Moscow's plan to keep the region neutral and wondered whether it really can play such a role at a time when it is practicing an ugly type of terrorism in Afghanistan.

Discussing coordination among the states of the Gulf, *Al Jazirah* observed that a strong sense of responsibility by the leaders of the region toward the welfare and prosperity of their peoples has made this coordination a matter of pressing necessity. But, it said, this aim can be achieved only when security, peace and stability reign supreme in the region. It urged the world forces to bear in mind that peace and stability of the region are the direct responsibility of the leaders of the region, and others would do well just to show an actual regard for the type of security these leaders agree upon and enforce in the region. The paper made it clear the Gulf is not an isolated region but part of the greater Arab and Islamic homeland.

On the same subject, *Al Riyadh* noted that Gulf cooperation is a matter of absolute necessity not only for the people of the Gulf but also for the whole Islamic world. The paper said the Kingdom plays a pivotal role in the maintenance of security and stability in the region. It added that the economic matter, which would form a major topic of discussion during the Gulf foreign ministers' meeting in Riyadh, is a matter of great concern for

the Islamic states which participated in the Mecca summit conference.

*Al Yom* said peace and stability in the Gulf region would effectively contribute in easing tension in this extremely sensitive region and would also thwart the ambitions of other countries in this area. The paper urged the major powers of the world to keep aloof from the region and strive to protect it from international conflict. It called upon them to realize that the Gulf states' keenness on their independence and integrity would largely help in the maintenance of world peace and realization of welfare and prosperity for humanity at large.

*Al Nashra* held the view that Gulf foreign ministers meeting in Riyadh would come out with practical solutions toward the maintenance of peace and stability of the region. It reaffirmed that the Gulf would not provide any scope for foreign domination and would continue to play its role of peace for the greater good of humanity. The paper also made clear that the Gulf states would stand firm against blocs and would continue to serve crucial issues concerning Palestine, Afghanistan or any other part of the Arab and Islamic world.

Dealing with the same subject, *Okaz* observed that a unified strategy would tend to build a defensive force based on the principles of cooperation and coordination in all matters of mutual concern for the region. It called upon other countries of the world to remember that security and stability of the Gulf are its own problems and it is capable of playing its role at all levels.

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# Arab News Diary

## JEDDAH

By Raana Siddiqi

PRINCESS HASSA BINT KHALID was the guest of honor at the official opening of *Rauzat Al-Tijarat Saeed Kinder House School* last Wednesday. The Princess and other guests were first taken round the school by Mrs. Mutabagni, the proprietress of the school. She explained the importance of carefully planned pre-school training of young minds. Her guests included women from the field of education and wives of diplomats. Mrs. Mutabagni a cheerfully serene person is very popular among the tiny tots who look for daily visits to the school.

THE NATURAL HISTORY group Saturday, (Feb. 7) will feature Dr. W. Buetiker, a senior research biologist with Ciba Geigy, who will speak on *Remote Sensing in Medical Antimology IN Saudi Arabia - a beginning*. The lecture will be at 8 p.m. at the USGS compound near Spinzer Restaurant on Medina Road.

AL FAISALIYAH WOMEN'S WELFARE SOCIETY has arranged a tea party Monday (Feb. 16) at 7 p.m. for members only. It has also planned a *Saudi Evening* Feb. 25 and 26 which will feature Saudi dances including sword, flute and wedding. Other attractions are demonstrations of varied styles of veils and abayas and the correct way to wear them, Saudi food served in tents and eaten in traditional Saudi style - sitting on the ground, and an exhibition of jewelry and silver ware. The program begins at 7 p.m. Non-Arabic speaking women are encouraged to attend the first evening when the commentary will be in English. Tickets of SR 150 are on sale now at the *Faisaliyah* premises. (To reach Faisaliyah cross the Palestine Road round - about after the U.S. Embassy and take first turn to the right after the Spanish Residence).

THE FLEE MARKET will be held at the PCS Primary section Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. instead of March 26. Contact Mrs. Wilcox or Shaun William on telephone 6654266 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., for reservation.

### Eastern Province

THE EVENT OF THE WEEK in Dhahran was the visit by *Ahmed Zaki Yamani*, minister of petroleum and Mineral Resources. He spoke on "Oil - a look into the future" at the University of Petroleum and Minerals. Since the lecture was delivered in Arabic, English-speaking people in the audience were treated to simultaneous translation through remote-control led headquarters. Several of them removed their headphones momentarily to enjoy the flavor of Yamani's speech. The lecture was televised through closed-circuit TV for those unable to get seats in the auditorium. Many Westerners hearing a Saudi Arabian

statesman for the first time were surprised by the fraternal warmth in Yamani's tone: "I speak as brother to brother. Don't expect a lecture to be memorized. This is a discussion based on give and take, so we can look together and find the truth". Later the minister answered questions. UPM Rector Abdullah Bakr hosted a reception in honor of Zaki Yamani at his residence.

THE DHAHRAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL faculty members held a reception in honor of principal *Lee Teeples* on his 50th birthday. A big cake was decorated with a camel to honor his coming to the Kingdom. He said later, "I'll remember this birthday for the next hundred years."

AN ENGLISH PROFESSOR at the American University of Beirut, recently visited the Eastern Province. *John Munro* has since returned to Beirut where he finds time in between lectures to act in a film on the Lebanese civil war. He plays the role of a German journalist. The film is about a cancer-stricken German journalist covering the war who falls in love in Beirut, survives the war and returns to Germany where he dies.

THE EASTERN PROVINCE TV is picking up. On Saturday one could watch J.R. Ewing and his cronies on *Aramco TV*, which began the popular *Dallas* series that night, or view the last instalment of the same series on *Qatar TV*. On Sunday the science series *Cosmos* was on *Aramco TV*.

THE EXHIBITION OF ORIENTAL CARPETS, being held by *Aga at the Al-Gasabi Hotel* in Al-Khobar, will continue until Feb. 9. Most of the rugs are fairly recent, but there are some old tribal pieces. A 25-minute documentary film on the making and washing of carpets also is shown at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily. There is a special weaver who weaves worn-out carpets.

AN INDUSTRIAL COMPUTER with panel and TV display on view at the Ramada in just off the lobby. Its use will be demonstrated Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m.

COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS may wish to know that an industrial computer with panel and TV display is on view at the *Ramada Inn* just off the lobby. Its use will be demonstrated Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m.

IN THE LEGAL field *John Lonsberg* has arrived from Missouri to set up a law office in Riyadh with *Bazar Bashi*. Lonsberg will be joined by *Stephen Boyd* and *John Gray*, both from Washington, for the firm *Bryan, Cave, McPheeters and McRoberts*.

ALL SWEDISH LADIES are invited to an evening coffee, Sunday Feb. 8 at 7-9 p.m. at the *Swedish House* the residence of *Ivan Palme Holt*. Map can be obtained at *Swedish Trade Office*, tel. 6659687 6674195.

# Nebulous group of Europeans Meeting with Bedouins

By Heather Winlow

JEDDAH — On first coming to live in an Arab country such as Saudi Arabia, one slowly becomes aware of the existence of a rather nebulous group of Europeans known as Arabists. These people have traveled in the Arab world and are fully acquainted with its customs and traditions. They also, of course, speak Arabic.

Saudi Arabia was my first Arab experience. I had little knowledge of the customs and traditions of the Arabs and even less of the Bedouin. During the last four months of my living in Jeddah I had never travelled more than 50 miles in any one direction from the city.

One Thursday afternoon I set out from Jeddah accompanied with two companions, Ian and John, both of whom could speak Arabic and had had contact with the Arabs but, however, had never met any Bedouin. This was a gap in their experience which they and I hoped to fill.

Having decided to travel in the general direction of a small town called Al-Lith on the Red Sea coast, we dutifully, as all non-Muslims must, turned off the road to Mecca onto the *Christian Bypass*. We continued to travel down the *Christian Bypass* for about 50 miles before turning onto another road which would lead us to Al-Lith, lying 150 miles away.

The Al-Lith road was reasonably good. The most striking feature of the landscape through which we passed was huge grey rocks that had been eroded into spectacular shapes by the sand and wind. One rock standing 50 feet or so in height, looked particularly interesting as it resembled a mushroom. Sand dunes rose and fell around us. Vegetation was sparse and consisted mainly of small bushes. We stopped to take a closer look at the scenery and found, to our astonishment, a small solitary white flower growing in the middle of the sand. It still amazes me to think that in the harsh conditions of semi-desert one can find a flower!

After some time we spotted a Bedouin camp, yards from the road, of three large tents. The main activity came from a large number of sheep and goats wandering around the area. We stopped our van some distance from the camp and walked toward a tent.

The tent was supported by two wooden poles. The four corners being held in place by ropes pegged into the ground. There was nothing inside apart from the mats which covered the floor.

A young woman was sitting with a child in the entrance. She quickly veiled her face

when she saw us walking towards her and then returned to the task of washing the child's hair. She was wearing a long black dress and several pieces of Bedouin jewellery hung down from her neck. The veil she had put on covered the lower part of her face but left her eyes showing. The effect was quite stunning.

Ian and John greeted the woman, who seemed neither nervous nor ill-at-ease at our sudden arrival. The little girl beside her smiled shyly at us. Her hair was covered in a substance which looked like mud, but I guessed it was probably henna. The two other children, both boys, looked at each other, looked at us, then looked back at each other laughing. They were obviously delighted and amused by their unexpected visitors.

We learned that all the men had gone to the local village Mosque. Although we knew the stories of the Bedouins' hospitality, even toward total strangers, we realized it was unlikely in the absence of any men that the women would invite us into the camp. We thanked her and left with the two boys running behind us shouting and waving.

We were all disappointed that circumstances in the camp had not been different. Nor did we know if we would find another Bedouin camp. However our fortunes were about to change dramatically. After travelling for half an hour we saw another camp. This camp looked more promising than the last. It was large and there were a number of men and women.

A very sharp-looking Bedouin shepherd was standing by the roadside. We decided to talk to him in the hope that he would invite us into the camp.

We walked slowly towards the shepherd. As soon as Ian and John greeted him he became extremely friendly. They spoke with him for some time.

Being unable to speak Arabic, I could not join in the conversation and so contented myself with discreetly studying the shepherd. I put his age at between 55 and 60. His face was the most weathered I had ever seen in my life! Deep lines ran across a dusty brown skin, more appearing when he frowned or laughed. He continually played with his beard, which was streaked with grey, ginger, brown and black. His once white thobe and head cloth (*Ghutra*) had changed to a dull grey. From his shoulder hung a small bag. Every now and then, the shepherd would suddenly stoop down and pick up a small stone and throw it at one of the animals that had wandered too far from the main flock, muttering at it as he did so. Finally the shepherd asked us if we would like to come into the camp.

The camp lay on the other side of the road. John and I walked with the shepherd while Ian drove our van across. There were six large tents visible and an assortment of vehicles including a water truck! The people inside the tent nearest to us had seen us arrive and began to gather outside. The tent had been partitioned in the middle with women occupying one side and men the other. The women stood watching us with avid interest while the men walked towards us.

It was amusing to watch them trying simultaneously to talk to each other and to my companions while shaking their hands. No man shook my hand. From their expressions they seemed confused as to whether they should or not. In the end one man solved the problem of acknowledging me. He bowed his head and smiled slightly. The other men followed suit. Ian said he was not sure whether I would be allowed into the men's tent. Just then laughter from the women, who were still stood chattering around their side of the tent, caught my attention. Several of the women beckoned me to join them. Leaving Ian and John with the men, I began to walk toward them.

Eight women took hold of me and motioned me inside the goats hair tent, which they had woven themselves. Seating me on a mat they then began gathering in a semi-circle, each woman trying to sit as close to the next as possible. A quick glance around revealed, the clutter inside. Mats covered the ground. In the entrance of the tent assorted cooking equipment lay scattered about. Over in the corner a trunk overflowed with dresses and various other items of women's clothing.

There was no doubt as to who this side of the tent belonged to!

All the women looked at me curiously. Each woman wore a long dress with the colors ranging from vivid pinks to somber greys.

Many of the dresses had been embroidered with silver and gold thread. Their hair was covered with a piece of black netted material over which the veil was worn. The veils covered their faces and left only their eyes showing. Along the edges of the veils tiny, colored beads had been sewn. The effect was beautiful. On their eyes each woman had applied Kohl. This black substance had the effect of making the eyes appear much larger than they really are - as well as soft and dewy. Typical Bedouin jewellery was worn by most of the women in the form of bracelets and necklaces. Many of the women had decorated their hands and feet with Henna.

NEXT: A day in the camp



DAGGER BALANCE: Chinese juggler Shang Hsing balances a lantern on the point of his dagger during a performance in Munich's Circus Krone.

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## To meet U.S. blockade

## India to reprocess spent nuclear fuel

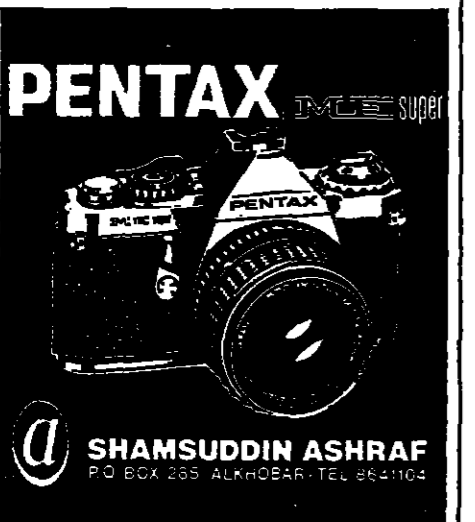
BOMBAY, Feb. 4 (AP) — India is transporting spent uranium fuel to a reprocessing plant in Tarapur, near here, and hopes to begin converting it into plutonium within a month, a top Indian nuclear scientist said Tuesday. Plans call for reprocessing spent fuel from the U.S.-built Tarapur reactor by the end of the year. Conversion of the fuel from the Rajasthan nuclear power reactor in central India would be a major step toward production of weapons grade nuclear material.

India detonated what it called a "peaceful nuclear explosion" in 1974 using plutonium

## Curfew clamped on Malagasy city

ANTANANARIVO, Feb. 4 (AFP) — The Malagasy government Tuesday night clamped a 10½-hour curfew on the capital here after a policeman was killed in a day of student riots. Students said that one woman demonstrator was also killed, while two policemen and 16 students were reported injured in the clashes, which the government blamed on "enemies of the Malagasy socialist revolution."

The demonstrators grouped together in the city's main street, independent avenue, chanting the national anthem. But they carried no banners and there were no rallying slogans, and apart from a long-standing feud with a local bus company there was no immediate explanation for the protests.



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produced by a small experimental reactor at the Bhabha Atomic Research Center here.

"We will begin reprocessing the Rajasthan fuel within a month," Vinay Meekoni, director of the nuclear safety group for BARC, told reporters. "We are now transporting the fuel from Rajasthan to Tarapur and we hope it (reprocessing) will begin during the first third of the year." The reprocessing plant, India's first, was completed about two years ago. It has been undergoing shakedown trials since, Meekoni said. Conversion of the Rajasthan fuel will begin when the final tests are completed.

Both the fuel from the Rajasthan and the Tarapur plants come under international "safeguards," meaning that India agreed when it bought the uranium to keep the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna advised of what it was doing with the material. The converted plutonium also would be under the "safeguards," the scientist said. Meekoni said India has advised the IAEA of its plans to begin reprocessing the fuel and that it told the United States 10 years ago that it intended to do so eventually.

The scientist did not say how much spent fuel from Rajasthan, provided originally by the Soviet Union, would be involved in the initial reprocessing. A government pamphlet says the 185-megawatt power plant began operating in April '79. The Tarapur atomic power station began operating in 1969.

A major problem at Tarapur has been storage of the ever increasing amounts of spent fuel. Meekoni, while acknowledging the problem exists, said India decided to begin reprocessing fuel first from the relatively new Rajasthan plant. "It will be the end of the year before we have to face up to the storage problem at Tarapur," Meekoni told reporters touring BARC.

The scientist said India will use the converted plutonium for "fast breeder" reactors now under construction. These generate more fissionable material than they consume.

Whether India detonates another nuclear device "all depends on what the country wants," added BARC director Raja Ramanna. "At this time there are no plans for a peaceful nuclear explosion. My personal view is that it would not be useful for the next 20- to 25 years."

The atomic reactor at Tarapur made headlines last fall when the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission decided unanimously to block a delivery to India of about 38 million tons of enriched uranium.



FRENCH-BRAZILIAN TIES: French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Francois Poncet (right) and his Brazilian counterpart Ramiro Jaraivar Guetereiro exchange documents Friday at the Elysee Palace in Paris after their respective presidents, Jose Figueredo (center, background) and Giscard d'Estaing (right) had signed a series of letters covering a wide area of industrial cooperation between the countries.

## Eanes-Figueiredo talks

## U.S. warned against Angola meddling

LISBON, Feb. 4 (AFP) — President Joao Figueiredo of Brazil has declared that any U.S. intervention on the side of anti-government rebels in Angola would be "regrettable." Speaking at a news conference at the Queluz Palace, 15 kms from Lisbon, Tuesday Figueiredo said Africa had been one of the main subjects of his talks with Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes.

## Haig backing assured for anti-Hanoi move

SINGAPORE, Feb. 4 (R) — Singapore has unveiled a plan to create a united resistance movement under non-Communist leadership in Kampuchea to work for a Vietnamese withdrawal from the country.

The deputy prime minister for foreign affairs, Sinnathamby Rajaratnam told a press conference that the plan, adopted by the Association of Southwest Asian Nations (ASEAN), also had the support of China.

The Singapore minister, just back from a tour of the United States and four Latin American countries, said he discussed the plan with Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington.

"My impression after the talks was that the U.S. will give very favorable consideration to the idea as a rational and practical move," he said.

and Premier Francisco Pinto Balsemao. The Brazilian leader is nearing the end of a week's trip to France and Portugal. He goes to Oporto in the north Wednesday, when he will fly back to Brazil.

Figueiredo said that if the new Reagan administration in Washington decided to back a movement such as the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) against the socialist government of the former Portuguese colony, it would be "regrettable." He said he had told General Eanes that Brazil would not support such a policy. The Reagan administration has yet to make its Africa policy clear, and there has been no public suggestion the United States might come to the aid of UNITA, led by Jonas Savimbi and supported by South Africa.

The U.S. provided military banking for UNITA and another "moderate" Angolan movement during the 1975-76 civil war at the time of independence. But recently, the ruling People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) has been turning increasingly to the West for economic and technical assistance, although the thousands of Cuban soldiers that helped the MPLA win the civil war in the country. The Angolan rulers have said the Cubans will stay until Namibia, the South African-ruled territory to the south, is independent and South African cross-border attacks on Namibian guerrilla bases in Angola have stopped.

Meanwhile, a former white mercenary with a South African special commando in Angola, admitted in Salisbury Wednesday that he had taken part in the systematic killing of Angolan civilians. The mercenary, identified only by the codename "Cowboy," said he served a two-year contract with South Africa's 32 battalion, obeying orders to slay black Angolans, destroy their homes and kill their livestock.

"Our main duties with 32 battalion were to eliminate all the civilians in the area and destroy all the food and water and to hammer southwest African Peoples' Organization (SWAPO) guerrillas," he said. The 30-year-old mercenary, a former member of the Rhodesia light infantry battalion, said civilians were systematically killed to prevent "intelligence being given to SWAPO" on the presence of South African troops and to deny SWAPO moral and material support.

He explained how he had personally been involved in killing Angolan civilians. "We killed some civilians and buried the men near a church. We also put dead cattle in the water to contaminate it," he said. The killing of civilians was "a regular thing" with 32 battalion, the mercenary said. "If we saw any civilians in the area we had to kill them in case they gave our position away. Our officers told us just to kill and bury them, just to get them out of the way," he said.

The mercenary said he joined 32 battalion after contacting its recruiting officer, a retired colonel. White mercenaries in the battalion were well paid, he said.

## 8 devoured by tigers in India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — Tigers have devoured at least eight persons in recent weeks in a densely forested region bordering Nepal, the United News of India (UNI) reported Tuesday. Villagers were afraid to venture out of their homes after sunset and reported that tigers have killed 65 people in the past few years, UNI said.

The agency also reported that a small eastern Indian village is in ruins after it was attacked and plundered by vengeful fishermen of a neighboring hamlet, who also molested women and killed a young boy.

Armed with spears, truncheons and acid, villagers of Manpur, who are members of the "gokha" or fishermen's caste, raided the upper-caste Gunthal hamlet. They plundered its inhabitants, threw acid on women and kidnapped eight persons, UNI said. The raid apparently was to punish the 35-family Gunthal for demanding that it should not be joined with Manpur, inhabited by 320 families, as one village for revenue collection.

The two adjacent hamlets are located in Orissa state. They are shown as one unit in local revenue records. A UNI reporter who visited Gunthal reported that "most men had fled in panic...and women were still dazed." Many village women also were robbed of their gold ornaments and suffered acid burns, he said.

## BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The family of Mose Tshombe, who led the secession of Katanga from the Congo (now Zaire), is asking the Belgian courts to reopen the case of the 1967 airplane hijacking that landed him in Algeria, where he was detained and died two years later. Tshombe's family cites the testimony of the confessed hijacker, renegade Francis Bodenan, in a separate fraud case for which he was arrested in Belgium in November 1979.

THE HAGUE, (AFP) — China expects the Dutch government to take immediate measures to reverse its decision to sell submarines to Taipei, the spokesman of the Chinese embassy Shen Zhuhuan, said here Tuesday. He was commenting on a motion adopted by the Dutch parliament earlier in the day rejecting a government decision to sell two submarines to Taipei.

ADDIS ABABA, (AFP) — The options open to the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO) following the failure of the recent U.N.-sponsored Geneva conference on Namibia are to intensify the armed struggle and to press for comprehensive mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa, SWAPO President Sam Nujoma said here Tuesday.

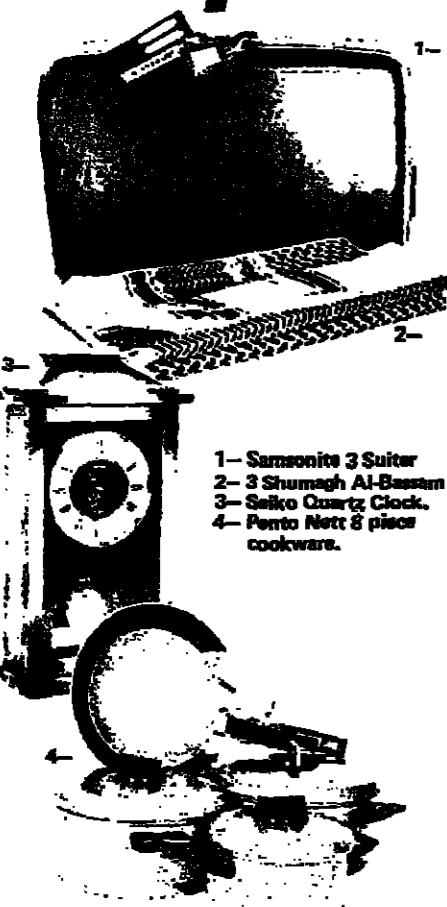
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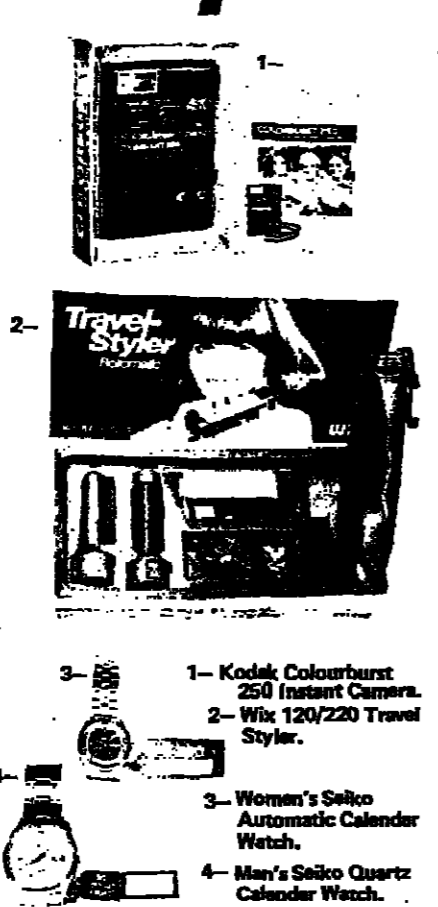
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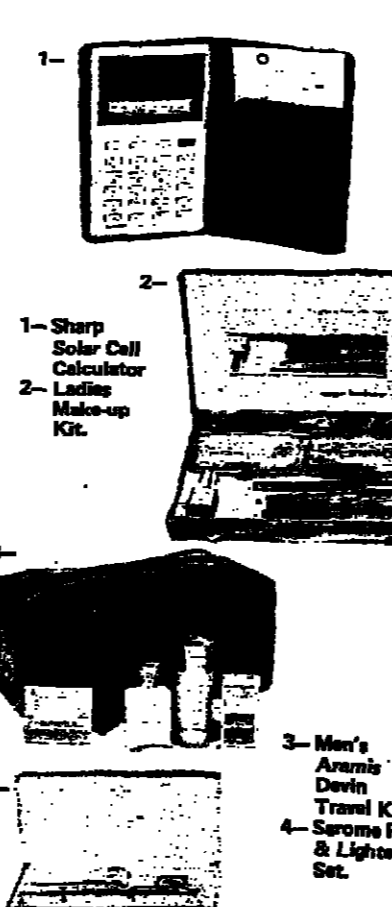
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# Cuba aids fighting in Salvador, Haig says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig was quoted as saying that Cuba had intervened heavily in the fighting in El Salvador through neighboring Nicaragua.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jose Alberto Zambrano Velasco told reporters Tuesday that Haig said this during a private discussion they had at the Washington headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS). Zambrano Velasco was one of seven central and south American foreign ministers who had bilateral discussions with Haig, ostensibly to talk about the border conflict between Ecuador and Peru. The ministers were from Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.

Haig told reporters as he left OAS headquarters after two hours that his discussions were "very timely and very beneficial and highly productive."

Sources close to the discussions said the situation in El Salvador, where a civil and military junta is battling leftists seeking reforms, had dominated the meetings as much as and sometimes more than the Andean border dispute. The talks were Haig's first with Latin American foreign ministers since he took office.

Emilio Ludovino Fernandez, foreign minister of the Dominican Republic told reporters after his session with Haig that the U.S. secretary of state did not say a word about the conflict between Ecuador and Peru. "He spoke at length about El Salvador," the foreign minister said, adding that he was very impressed by Haig's knowledge of the problems of the western hemisphere.

Other foreign ministers said their discussions with Haig ranged far wider than the Ecuador-Peru dispute and included besides El Salvador, the importance of cohesion in the five-nation Andean Pact, an economic grouping for regional cooperation of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.



BOMB IN CAR: A bomb that exploded outside the Nicaraguan embassy in San Salvador last week had been placed in this car, according to police. The blast destroyed a private home and blew in the front of the embassy. Nicaragua has been accused of aiding leftist guerrillas who are currently fighting the El Salvador government.

# U.S. secret service lacks manpower, says official

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — The U.S. intelligence agencies are short of manpower, President Ronald Reagan's nominee for deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency has said.

Veteran intelligence expert Bobby Ray Inman, whose nomination was enthusiastically endorsed by the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Tuesday the Soviet Union probably had three times as many agents in intelligence as the United States.

The 49-year-old navy vice admiral has since 1977 been director of the National Security Agency, which specializes in electronic eavesdropping and cracking enemy codes.

At the CIA, he will serve as No. 2 to William Casey, 67, an officer in the office of strategic services, forerunner of the CIA, during World War II. "I would put our No. 1 problem as manpower," Vice Admiral Inman told the committee.

He said there had been a reduction in strength during the Vietnam war, manpower had been traded off for technology and covert operations capability had been cut back. U.S. intelligence was far less prepared for such problems as terrorism, he added.

He said the U.S. was less ready for possible strife in Europe, international competition for raw materials and instability in the underdeveloped world. U.S. intelligence, he said, had difficulty recruiting foreign language experts. Foreign language education was "poor and steadily getting worse."

In past years, he said, U.S. intelligence had consistently underestimated the sustained momentum of the Soviet military buildup

that had begun with the accession to power of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Inman said he will look after the budget and administration of the agency, technical methods of intelligence collection like spy satellites and the CIA's ability to correctly analyze the information it gathers.

Despite predictions that Soviet citizens would demand less military spending and greater production of consumer goods, Inman said the Russians added three per cent or more to their military budgets annually, including extensive expansion of defense production facilities.

## Respect human rights, Amnesty tells Honecker

LONDON, Feb. 4 (R) — Amnesty International Wednesday urged East Germany to respect human rights and release political prisoners. The London-based human rights organization said it had sent a letter to East German Communist leader Erich Honecker citing the rights to freedom of expression and to emigrate set out in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which East Germany ratified in 1973.

Law and practice restricted these rights in East Germany, Amnesty said. It called on Honecker to review his country's penal code. Amnesty accompanied its letter with a report describing East German laws against would-be emigrants, political or religious dissenters and conscientious objectors to military service.

## Ceasefire holding OAS trying for Peru-Ecuador compromise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — With Ecuador and Peru Wednesday reported respecting a ceasefire in their border war, the Organization of American States (OAS) was aiming for a compromise resolution in a bid to settle the dispute.

It was to meet again later Wednesday after earlier discussions were halted by Peru's demand that military observers in the disputed area at the headquarters of the Amazon be drawn only from nations which guaranteed the 1942 Rio de Janeiro Peru-Ecuador treaty — Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States.

Ecuador wants the observers to come from a committee of "friendly states" in the OAS, which could include all four guarantors as long as they were not officially described as such.

One source here said the four had accepted this, and there would be an attempt to persuade Peru not to insist on the use of the word "guarantor" in the final resolution from the meeting.

OAS officials said the best answer might be to keep the resolution to a simple call for a

peaceful solution to the conflict, without naming any countries in the commission of observers.

Meanwhile, from Lima the military attaches of the four guarantors returned from a trip to the front line saying that the ceasefire was holding. The Peruvian Foreign Ministry Tuesday night denied reports that an Ecuadorian aircraft had bombed a Peruvian border post, killing seven frontier guards.

In Lima, Peru has called for demarcation of its border with Ecuador along the disputed 50-mile mountainous stretch where their armed forces battled for five days.

Acting Foreign Minister Felipe Osterling told a news conference Tuesday that military observers from the U.S. and three other nations confirmed that a ceasefire was in

## U.S. driver held for triple slaying

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP) — A chauffeur was charged Tuesday with drowning his infant son, killing his father-in-law and a brother-in-law, and seriously wounding his mother-in-law. William Belton, 43, who recently was served with divorce papers, was ordered held without bond.

After shooting his father-in-law and wounding his mother-in-law, authorities said, Belton scrawled on a wall of their apartment the message that others including two policemen "will also be shot tonight."

Investigators said that on Monday night Belton went to the apartment of Joseph and Margaret Adams, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, who lived in a city housing project in the borough of Staten Island.

Residents told police there was a violent argument. Authorities said the argument was climaxed by the shooting of both in-laws and the slaying of Mrs. Adams' throat with a knife. Adams, 65, died Tuesday morning of his wounds. His 62-year-old wife was in guarded condition.

Police went to Belton's apartment nearby and found his 22-month old son, Malik, drowned in a bathtub. The father had custody of the youngster. Neighbors said his 22-year-old wife, Sandra, recently had been confined to an institution after a nervous breakdown.

Finally, the body of Belton's brother-in-law, Joseph Adams, Jr., 38, was found in a wooded area near an expressway. He had been shot in the chest. Police said the younger Adams, who lived in a Manhattan hotel, was present in his parent's apartment during the shootings there. They theorized he may have been kidnapped by Belton and slain later near the expressway.

Belton was arrested after police had come upon and staked out his 1973 Cadillac across from an apartment building about four miles from his home. They said he offered no resistance.

## U.S. study shows Cancer agent found in air samples

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Feb. 4 (AP) — A toxic chemical that causes cancer in test animals has been found in air samples taken at a remote Pacific island, an unprecedented finding that indicates the contamination is worldwide, researchers say.

HCB, or hexachlorobenzene, was measured for the first time during tests by Texas A and M University scientists on Entewetak atoll, site of the first hydrogen bomb test 29 years ago.

"Presence of HCB at such locations indicates widespread contamination of the atmosphere and confirms the long-range atmospheric transport of its compound," reported C.S. Giam, head of chemistry at A and M, and Elliot Atlas, a senior research chemist.

These are the first measurements of HCB in the remote marine atmosphere," said Atlas. "The relative constancy of the compound between sites suggests that HCB is very stable and may remain in the atmosphere a long time."

HCB, a by-product of at least 14 industrial processes such as rubber manufacturing, is also a key ingredient in fungicides. Disposal of the chemical by dumping at sea was banned in the 1970s.

Giam indicated the low levels in the island air did not appear to present an immediate health hazard. He said their findings suggest HCB must be everywhere in the world, because remote islands are used by scientists to measure background levels of specific pollutants against which future

changes can be compared. Giam and Atlas presented their results in a recent issue of the journal *Science*. The work was part of sea-air exchange, a National Science Foundation-financed study involving a dozen American and foreign universities.

HCB has given rise to health worries in the past. "Concern over HCB in the environment was heightened by high levels found in beef cattle in 1972. Since then, it has been identified in many environmental areas including river water, the air, estuaries, soils and sediments, as well as in fish, birds, bird eggs and human fatty tissue," said Atlas.

An Environmental Protection Agency report published a year ago noted that HCB produced cancer, and was suspected as a factor in the death of breast-fed Turkish infants during the 1950s and an epidemic there of skin sores and discoloration. The chemical also was linked by the EPA to disruptions of enzymes among residents of a Louisiana town seven years ago.

Monitoring air, water and rain samples at Entewetak, the Texas A and M scientists also found traces of other pollutants, including PCBs (polychlorobiphenyls) and residue of the insecticides DDT, chlordane and dieldrin.

Small amounts of two compounds used in the plastics industry, DBP and DEHPD also were found in the samples collected between April and August 1979.

force in the area "and that the only thing we had done was to oust the invaders from our territory and re-establish peace in our zone."

"The next step," he continued, "and we are sure that they will agree, is to place the border markers along our frontier to keep these incidents from cropping up again."

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# Guidelines set for Congress to slash U.S. federal spending

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (R) — The Congressional budget office has listed 105 areas where the government could save billions of dollars to help meet President Reagan's goal of slashing federal spending.

No total was given for the savings, which ranged from defense to the social security system. But unofficial estimates put the total at between \$30-36 billion in 1982 and much more in later years.

The non-partisan budget office compiled the list for the House of Representatives and Senate budget committees, which will play a major role in considering Reagan's budget-cutting plans.

Reagan told a news conference last week that his budget cut "will be bigger than anyone has ever attempted." His economic program of budget cuts, tax reductions and curbs on federal regulation for the private sector is

expected to be revealed on Feb. 18 when he delivered a State of the Union Message to Congress.

The report was submitted Tuesday as a guide for Congressional budget cutters, and it said the list budget reductions was by no means exclusive.

Possible savings included large long-term savings of up to \$12 billion over five years by limiting defense investment increases to no more than three per cent of real growth.

## Japanese cars blocked in French ports

PARIS, Feb. 4 (AFP) — Thousands of Japanese cars are at present blocked in French ports because of the French government's delay in signing a certificate of approval.

Japan, it is understood, is preparing a protest to France over the obstacles placed in the way of imports of new Japanese car models. At present, 14 new or slightly modified Japanese models are blocked for sale in France: Four Honda models, three Mazdas, three Datsuns, three Mitsubishis, and one Toyota.

French importers say most of the models have received a provisional approval certificate but they are still waiting for the signature that would allow the cars to go on sale.

The holdup is threatening to bankrupt the 1,000-odd concession-holders and agents selling Japanese cars in France.

Importers say that: (A) They have always carefully respected the three per cent import quota imposed by the government. (B) They are surprised by the government's attitude. (C) The slump in Japanese car sales did not stop a boom in sales in France last month of cars imported from France's Common Market partners, West Germany and Italy.

The importers also point out that a lot of French-manufactured equipment, like tyres and headlights, are fitted to imported Japanese cars, and that a drop in sales damages French manufacturers of these accessories, as well as the transport firms that bring the cars in from the ports.

The report said spending for individuals, through social security pensions, veterans, college aid and welfare programs now accounted for about half of all federal outlays. If left unchecked, the federal spending budget estimated at \$740 billion for 1982 would grow to \$1,088 billion in 1986, the report said.

As a percentage of gross national product, the 1982 budget would be 23.4 per cent and the 1986 budget 21.7 per cent. Both are high compared with previous figures, and Reagan has promised to trim back the percentage.

As well as possible reductions in government costs, the Congressional budget office said Congress could consider many revenue-raising proposals.

These included some \$6 billion in added taxes in 1982 from repealing tax deductions for consumer interest, some \$4.3 billion through limits on home mortgage interest tax deductions, and \$2.5 billion by repealing an extra tax deduction allowed to the elderly.

Many of the spending curbs and revenue-raising suggestions are highly controversial and seem unlikely to win Congressional approval.

## Regan calls for raising debt ceiling by \$50 billion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (R) — The U.S. Congress must quickly raise the ceiling on the national debt by \$50 billion to avoid major disruption of financial markets, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan has said.

Present debt was near the \$935.1 billion ceiling. If Congress failed to vote a \$98.5 billion ceiling by the middle of February "this will cause quite a stir in the financial markets," he told the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee Tuesday.

The prices of securities would fall and the U.S. would have to suspend sales of savings bonds. Decisions would have to be made on stopping payments on government contracts, he added.

The Ways and Means Committee later approved a bill raising the ceiling to \$985 billion on a voice vote. Full House of Representatives action is expected later this

## Kuwait lends \$304 million to 20 nations

KUWAIT, Feb. 4 (AP) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development granted 20 loans totaling \$304 million in 1980, stated the fund's annual report.

The loans went to seven Arab countries, seven states in Asia, five in Africa and Cyprus, the report released Tuesday added. The report said since its establishment 18 years ago the fund extended 162 loans totaling about \$2.5 billion shared by 52 states.

Sixty-five per cent of these loans went to 16 Arab countries, 12 per cent to 20 African countries, 22 per cent to 13 Asian states, while the remaining one per cent to three countries elsewhere.

The fund's capital has now reached about \$3 billion the report said. The loans were granted at interest rates ranging from 1.5 to 5.5 per cent per annum with repayment durations ranging from 9.5 to 36.5 years with grace periods ranging from 1.8 to 6.5 years, the report said.

The fund also extended \$24 million in free grants, to 27 states, in the form of technical assistance for project evaluation and feasibility studies conducted by its own consultants and experts.

## Iranian oil flow to Japan held up due to price row

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (AP) — Japan will begin importing Iranian oil after a 10-month stoppage, but final agreement is snarled over a pricing dispute with the National Iranian Oil Co. (NIOC), according to Mitsui and Co., a major Japanese trading house with extensive interests in Iran.

Japanese press reports from Tehran said Iran's state-run oil company is asking 12 Japanese oil companies and trading houses now negotiating in Tehran to accept \$1.80 premium per barrel in contracts for the new shipments in the April-June period only.

The reports, quoting local sources, said NIOC is putting up the same conditions it presented to British Petroleum and Royal Dutch-Shell group before they signed 1981 contracts.

BP and Shell agreed to buy 65,000 barrels and 110,000 barrels of Iranian crude a day, respectively, for \$7 a barrel plus the \$1.80 premium. Their contracts are retroactive to Jan. 1.

A Mitsui official told the Associated Press that both sides are "negotiating very hard", and that the NIOC is haggling over price. Japan's influential Ministry of International Trade and Industry, meanwhile, said

agreement on resumed shipments is "near at hand," but that it had advised the Japanese delegation not to accept "outrageous prices." Industry sources said Iran would finalize its conditions on price and the amount of oil it is prepared to export to Japan "sometime next week" giving Japan breathing space to respond to the Iranian proposals.

The newspaper reports said the Iranians are prepared to export a little more than 200,000 barrels of crude a day to Japan, about four per cent of this nation's imports, for nine months starting in April.

Both government and industry have refused to discuss details of the Iranian position. Japan, which imports about 99 per cent of its oil, is buying 538,000 barrels a day, 11 per cent of its needs, from Iran until last April when the tap was turned off because Japanese importers refused to accept hefty price increases demanded by Iran.

The Mitsui spokesman said the Japanese delegation, which includes representatives from Mitsubishi, Idemitsu Kosan and C. Itoh — all major oil importers — was invited by the NIOC to Tehran late last month after Royal Dutch-Shell and BP concluded their

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Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.90	90.85
French Franc (100)	68.00	70.00	67.70
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.25	73.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	34.50	33.05
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.40	—	16.60
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.42	10.73
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23	12.26
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	87.00	85.90
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	75.00	75.15
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.82	8.05	7.83
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.75	91.80
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.61
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	41.10	—
Swiss Franc (100)	173.00	173.00	174.40
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Ministry of P.T.T.	To make amendments in the telegraph office in Nussahiah	25/400V	500	Feb. 18
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7	Maldives Seafarer	O'Trade	Sorghum/Pepper/Timber	1.2.81
8	Saudi Sun	O'Trade	Rice/Sorghum/Wheat/Timber/Gen.	3.2.81
10	Char hoong	Abdallah	Steel/Gen/Cable/Contra	2.2.81
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## Norway facing industrial slump

OSLO, Feb. 4 (R) — One of the most serious problems facing Norway's new Prime Minister, Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, is the decline of some of Norway's traditional industries ranging from fishing to mining and forestry.

Although Norway is widely envied for its calm prosperity, many economists here are concerned that North Sea oil wealth hasn't covered up the extent to which such industries have slumped.

Little is known of Mrs. Brundtland's economic outlook, but she is expected to continue current policies of using oil revenue to keep unemployment down to between 1.5 and two per cent of the work for one of the lowest rates in the industrialized world.

But some economists and industrialists fear that despite government policy of not relying too much on a declining asset, Norway has already become an "oil economy" largely dependent on the one finite resource. They argue that, like Britain, Norway's healthy trade surplus last year would have been an alarming deficit without the contribution of oil.

week. This must then be approved by the Senate.

The growing debt is a consequence of a series of large government budget deficits, which have meant heavy official borrowing. By law, the U.S. cannot have greater debt than the statutory ceiling.

The administration would have to seek another increase in the debt ceiling to above \$1,000 billion next year, Regan said. Although President Reagan was proposing budget cuts, the budget would not be balanced in the 1982 financial year starting Oct. 1.

The president would outline his proposed cuts, tax reductions and regulatory reforms on Feb. 18 in a Congressional message, Regan said. If these were adopted by Congress they could limit the size of future increases in the debt.

Official figures show a \$990 million surplus last year compared with a \$430 million deficit in 1979.

Taking away the revenue generated by crude oil, gas, drilling and production rigs, imports exceeded exports by 35.4 per cent, \$6.8 billion, last year compared with a 1979 shortfall of \$4.7 billion.

According to the Export Council of Norway, the trade deficit of the so-called mainland economy, everything except ships, oil, gas and related activities, could rise to almost \$8.2 billion this year.

Latest estimates say sales of traditional non-oil goods will stagnate, growth of gross national product (GNP) will be minimal and there will be little or no expansion in industrial production and slack manufacturing investment this year, the Export Council has said.

North Sea production is forecast to rise only marginally from 1980's 50 million tons and is expected to earn the country \$9 billion from abroad this year, \$380 million less than what exports of traditional goods are expected to bring in.

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# Manson extends Tanner

RICHMOND, Virginia, Feb. 4 (AP) — Fifth-seeded Roscoe Tanner, winner of last week's U.S. Pro Indoor title, and eighth-seeded Yannick Noah of France rallied Tuesday for first-round victories in the United Virginia Bank Tennis Classic.

Tanner overcame a 5-2 deficit in the first set for a 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 triumph over Bruce Manson of the United States and Noah overcame 1979 NCAA singles champion Kevin Curren, 6-7 (9-7), 6-3, 6-4.

A service break in the sixth game gave Manson his 5-2 lead in the first set against Tanner, but the hard-hitting left-hander broke Manson in the ninth game.

Manson won the first two games in the tie-breaker and built a 3-1 lead, but Tanner won five straight points and pulled out the set.

Tanner, who served seven aces, broke Manson in the first game of the second set, Manson broke back in the fourth and Tanner got the decisive break in the eighth.

In the first set of his match, Noah had a setpoint with a 6-5 lead, but Curren held him off and eventually won the tie-breaker. Noah evened the match by breaking Curren in the eighth game of the second set.

Noah broke Curren again in the fifth game of the third set, but Curren broke in the sixth before yielding his service again in the seventh for what proved the decisive breakthrough for Noah.

Top-seeded Gene Mayer breezed to a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Pascal Portes of France and sixth-seeded John Sadri was a 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) winner over Trey Waltke. Mexico's Raul Ramirez beat Bill Scanlon of the U.S.



CHAMPIONS: Nasr soccer team that is all set to retain the National League pennant.

# Nasr virtually assured of National Football title

By Muzir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — Nasr is all set to retain the National Football League pennant when they play their concluding match against Hilal on Friday.

Nasr, who have two more points than Hilal and a superior goal difference, could be deprived of the trophy only if they lose by a 0-6 margin.

Hilal, however, are assured of the second berth as they are way ahead of the third team Qadisiyya. Ittihad and Ahli occupy the next, net two spots.

The two Riyadh teams have reached the top place the hard way, especially Hilal. The team met with enormous hardships during the league losing most of its regular players. Hilal's international star, Brazilian Rivelino, was banned for three months in the second

half of the league, while others were also suspended for rude behavior. Others were out due to injuries.

Nasr also faced difficulties, though not as much as Hilal's, by the injury of its captain and defender, Tawfiq Al-Migrin, and national star, Majed Abdullah, its striking spear-head. Majed is the top scorer of the league so far with more than a dozen goals ahead of other players.

Prince Abdul Rahman bin Mansour, Nasr's chairman, commenting on the concluding match against Hilal said "We don't want the league's shield if we win it on a superior goal difference."

The final will be held in Riyadh's Malaz Stadium. It will be attended by Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of youth welfare, who will present the league's shield and the medals to the winners and runners.

Meanwhile, Ittihad and Ahli, though far from top places, will battle in their traditional rivalry. Any game between the two Jeddah teams has special flavor for fans here. Ittihad had led the league for the first nine weeks, but began descending during the last nine.

Ahli's fans had no aspirations for the shield. The team had lost its first game on the league against Jabalein, which was promoted to the league for the first time. Ahli had reversed all speculations by losing games thought to be easy and winning some unexpected ones.

Qadisiyya broke the monopoly of the four top teams — Nasr, Hilal, Ittihad and Ahli — It squeezed in among the four teams and rightly preserved its achievement.

Standings (27th week)

Team	G	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Nasr	17	11	3	3	48	25	25
Hilal	17	8	5	4	32	20	20
Qadisiyya	17	8	4	5	25	21	20
Ittihad	17	6	7	4	32	19	19
Ahli	17	5	5	7	26	23	15
Jabalain	17	7	4	6	27	24	18
Shabab	17	5	7	5	30	27	17
Habsha	17	4	8	5	31	27	16
Jabalain	17	2	4	11	13	39	8
Riyadh	17	2	1	14	10	42	5

## Magri to fight Cal in London

# Oguma outpoints Park to keep crown

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (AP) — Shoji Oguma of Japan survived cuts over both eyes in the third round and outpointed South Korea's Park Chan Hee to retain his World Boxing Council flyweight championship for the third time Tuesday night.

The 29-year-old Japanese, a left-hander, won the 15-round bout by a majority decision of the three U.S. judges. There were no knockdowns.

A California judge scored it 145-141 and judge Duane Ford of Las Vegas, Nevada, had it 145-140, both for the champion. Judge Harold Buck, also of Las Vegas, scored it 143-143.

Oguma dominated the late rounds with superior power and speed, although he failed

to follow up on his punches. The challenger started strong but tired.

It was the second time that Oguma defended the title against the 22-year-old Park, since he won the crown from Park with a ninth-round knockout in Seoul, Korea, on May 18, 1980. Both fighters were at the flyweight division limit of 112 pounds.

The victory was Oguma's 36th against eight losses and one draw. The loss was Park's third in 20 fights. The Korean has 15 wins and two draws.

The cuts over his eyes did not slow down the champion, who kept on waiting for the Korean's attack to score with his rights, and lefts to the body and face.

The challenger kept up his aggressive attack throughout the fight but lacked the power to shake Oguma. During the early rounds, Oguma had his eyes examined by the Japan Boxing Commission doctor. But the doctor did not deem the cuts serious enough to stop the bout.

Park suffered a cut behind his right ear in the eighth round, and his nose was bloodied in the sixth round. From the 10th round on, the challenger appeared to slow in his offense, and appeared to tire.

Meanwhile, Charlie Magri, Britain's European flyweight boxing champion, signed Tuesday to defend his title against Enrique Rodriguez Cal of Spain in London Feb. 24.

The 24-year-old Briton, undefeated in 21 professional fights, will be defending the crown for the third time and said: "I can't wait for a world title fight. I think I'm ready. But the trouble is that every fight I have until I get to the big one is dangerous. They are all eliminators, I'm the one who can get eliminated."

A year ago Magri was No. 1 contender for the WBC title. Now he is No. 2 on the lists of both the WBC and WBA. Magri watched Cal box in the 1976 Olympic Games. "I am not jacking him lightly," Magri said.

In Buenos Aires, Japan's Makal Maruyama has been paired with unbeaten Cicavo Ballas of Argentina in a final eliminator for the newly designated World Boxing Association (WBA) light-bantamweight crown.

The winner of the bout, which will take place in Buenos Aires on March 14, will go on to fight the winner of the other eliminator between Suk Hul Bae of South Korea and Rafael Pedroza of Panama for the vacant title.



## I ain't going to fight - Ali

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP) — Muhammad Ali, the three-time heavyweight champion, who is to participate in talks aimed at saving a boxing show at Madison Square Garden, said Tuesday: "I ain't going to fight. I don't need fighting."

Ali, badly beaten by World Boxing Council champion Larry Holmes last Oct., reportedly was headed for a fight with European champion John L. Gardner.

The fight was to have taken place Feb. 23 and been promoted by Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, which also was to have promoted the major card in the Garden Feb. 23.

Harold Smith, board chairman of MAPS, and Ali were supposed to have been in Puerto Rico this week to apply for a license after the 39-year-old Ali had been unable to obtain a license in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"It (another fight) was just something I had in myself — to come back," said Ali. "All I'm going to do now is promote and lecture. I'm going to be a promoter. The greatest."

At a brief news conference Tuesday, Ali was asked if he had retired, and he replied: "I'm going to stay out of the ring. I haven't retired."

## BRIEFS

CAIRO, (AFP) — Nobuaki Kobayashi of Japan led the world Billiards Championships after two rounds here Wednesday with a total of 1,600 points ahead of Chris Van Der Smitsen of the Netherlands, 1,250 and Ludo Dieels of Belgium, 1,237.

HAMBURG, (AFP) — East Germany's 17-year-old Olympic champion Joerg Woithe bettered his own European 100 meters freestyle record when he swam 50.14 secs at an international meeting here Tuesday. The former record, which he set in winning the Olympic title in Moscow last year, was 50.21. The world record of 49.44 secs was set by South African Jonny Skinner in 1976.

COPENHAGEN, (AFP) — Australians Danny Clark and Don Allan were still well in contention for the Copenhagen six-day Cycling Classic here Wednesday with only hours to go until the finish. Clark and Allan were lying in third position, a mere ten points behind leaders Patrick Sercu of Belgium and Albert Fritz of West Germany with Rene Pijnen of the Netherlands and Roman Hermann of Lichtenstein third.

PARIS, (AFP) — Talks aimed at assuring this year's Formula One Grand Prix season have broken down again over a legal technicality, the International Automobile Federation (FISA) has announced here. Hopes of a solution to the long-standing deadlock between FISA and the rebel constructors' association (FOCA) has soared two weeks ago when the major teams reached agreement at a meeting organized by Enzo Ferrari in Italy.

CARDIFF, (AFP) — Wales, looking to widen their selection powers, want sex equality in football. At the moment players born in England, Scotland or Ireland can still play for the principality provided their father is Welsh. Welsh FA Secretary Trevor Morris has now put forward a resolution calling for the "home rule to be extended to include the mother."

DUBLIN, (AFP) — The Irish government has imposed its first sanction against the Irish Rugby Football Union for going ahead with plans for this year's controversial South African tour. An application from the union for a grant of \$22,000 to aid rugby in schools has been turned down by the Dublin government's education department.

INNSBRUCK, (AFP) — Jean-Christophe Simond took a bold step toward becoming the first Frenchman to win the men's European Figure Skating Championship since Alain Calmat 17 years ago when he headed the opening day's compulsory figures here Wednesday. The 30-year-old, Monaco-born, skater was lying second after the first judges figures, but grabbed the lead with a total 0.6 points as he topped the remaining two.

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### The magical 16 in NBA

# 76ers stage splendid rally to beat Hawks

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP) — The magic number in the National Basketball Association Tuesday night was 16. Veterans Julius Erving and Bobby Jones combined to score Philadelphia's last 16 points as the 76ers rallied to defeat the Atlanta Hawks 97-93.

Meanwhile, rookie Louis Orr came off the bench to score 16 points as the Indiana Pacers downed Milwaukee 108-99 and snapped the Bucks' home-court winning streak at — you guessed it — 16 games.

Elsewhere, the San Antonio Spurs shaded the Detroit Pistons 102-99, the Kansas City Kings trimmed the Dallas Mavericks 121-100, the Houston Rockets beat the Denver Nuggets 135-128 in overtime, the Portland Trail Blazers turned back the Washington Bullets 111-104 in overtime and the New York Knicks nipped the San Diego Clippers 101-98.

Atlanta had an 87-81 lead when Erving and Jones went to work. Jones' three-point shot with 4:04 left cut the lead to 97-84 and he had no more time to waste. Erving stole an inbound pass and scored to pull the 76ers within one.

Pacers 108, Bucks 99: Billy Knight scored 18 points and James Edwards added 18 to lead Indiana, but Orr scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter to clinch victory for the Pacers, who trained by 11 midway through the second period. Marques Johnson led the Bucks with 27.

Spurs 102, Pistons 99: Paul Griffin intercepted a pass and hit a layup with 25 seconds left to key the Spurs to victory. Detroit's Larry Drew had a chance to put his team back

into the lead with seven seconds remaining but missed two free throws and San Antonio's Dave Corzine then hit a pair with four seconds left to provide the final margin.

Kings 121, Mavericks 100: Phil Ford scored 30 points and Scott Wedman 29 as the Kings rallied from a poor first quarter to hand Dallas its sixth consecutive setback.

Rockets 135, Nuggets 128: Moses Malone poured in 38 points, including six crucial points in overtime, to lead Houston to victory. Denver's David Thompson tied the game 118-118 at the end of regulation time with a three-point shot at the buzzer.

Trail Blazers 111, Bullets 104: Billy Ray Bates scored seven of his 24 points in overtime as Portland snapped Washington's four-game winning streak and handed the Bullets only their second loss in the last 11 games despite a career-high 38-point performance by Greg Ballard.

Knicks 101, Clippers 98: Bill Cartwright scored a season-high 33 points — 20 in the second half — to lead the Knicks. Nine of Cartwright's points came in the final 6:51 to nail down the triumph.

Meanwhile in the quarterfinals of the men's Cup European Basketball Sebastiani Rieti (Italy) beat Royal Anderlecht (Belgium) 72-71 after the teams were tied 42-42 at half time while Sunair Ostend (Belgium) beat Juventud Badalona (Spain) 82-64 in Ostend.

In the women's tourney, Vozdovac Belgrade (Yugoslavia) beat Slavia Prague (Czechoslovakia) 90-76 in Belgrade.



THAT CONTROVERSIAL DELIVERY: Trevor Chappell bowls an underarm ball to Brian McCook in the last over of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup cricket match Monday.

## We are not yet prepared, England skipper says

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Feb. 4 (AFP) — England's cricketers, still short of match practice and form, meet the formidable West Indies for the first time on their Caribbean tour here Wednesday in the first of two One-Day Internationals scheduled for the series.

The tourists have so far had only one first-class match and that was against a weak West Indies Cricket Board President's eleven.

A scheduled four-day match here against the Windward Islands was converted into two one-day limited-overs games because of rain and England captain Ian Botham admits, "we just aren't ready yet."

However, England will be heartened by the fact that the West Indies will play without star batsman Vivian Richards who is resting an injured leg.

In his absence, the West Indies selectors have included 24-year-old Jamaican batsman Everton Mattis, the only new comer in their squad of 12 from whom the final eleven will be chosen.

England themselves have injury problems.

## England record 6-wicket victory

JUNGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Feb. 4 (AP) — England won the second of their two one-day matches against the Windward Islands by six wickets at Arnos Vale, St. Vincent Monday. But they made hard work of it after opener Graham Gooch departed for a typically aggressive 50 in the 29th over.

The match was changed from 50 overs to 55 overs aside after it was discovered by one of the local radio scorers that Peter Willey had bowled his allotted ten overs and was five balls into his eleventh. Umpires M. Hippolyte and P. Alleyne conferred and decided that the best way around the problem was to change the rules.

Geoff Boycott and Graham Gooch, opening together for the first time on this tour, began the target of 184 for victory at a little over three an over. They scored only ten runs from the first nine overs before Gooch hit out for his first fifty since arriving in the Caribbean. But after Gooch was out, Brian Rose, David Gower, and Peter Silley all fell cheaply and England were involved in a run scramble in the closing overs, with Boycott playing his customary anchor role. They needed 48 from the last ten overs and 25 from the last five. But the big-hitting Graham Stevens, promoted in the order, helped to see England home with 13 balls to spare.

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## Wells wins pet event with degree of comfort

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 4 (AP) — Olympic 100 meters champion Alan Wells of Scotland handed out a hiding to local competitors in the 100 meters at the State Insurance Games at Olympic Park here Wednesday night.

The muscular Scotsman powered to an effortless victory in 10.4 seconds over little-known Victorian Kevin Dinale who could manage only 10.8 seconds.

Missing were Australia's Pacific Conference Games representatives Peter Gandy of Sydney and Bruce Frayne of Adelaide and Gerard Keating of Ballarat.

Australian Olympic silver medalist at Moscow Rick Mitchell brilliantly won the 400 meters. He clocked 46.31 seconds to beat Australia's Pacific Conference Games representative John Fleming by seven meters.

"I'm pleased with that performance as I'm only 85 per cent fit and I've just completed a crash three week training program," Mitchell said.

Australian Pacific Conference Games 400 meters champion Michelle Baumgartner, 17, unlike many of her team-mates who did not compete "because they were tired" again produced a top performance. She clocked 53.2 seconds to beat Hungarian Olympic Ilgna Pal by eight meters with team-mate Marian O'Shaughnessy third.

Games meeting manager David Lord announced at the meet that due to "lack of communications" New Zealander John Walker would not run.

Much of the meeting's publicity centered around the appearance of Walker and Lord said he was most upset at the mile's champion

absence. "Further inquiries will be made as to how it came about," he said.

The men's 800 meters went to Andras Paracsoi, Hungary, in 1:47.40 minutes ahead of Australian Rom John Micham and Peter Peerless, of New Zealand, with Henry Kingartyl, Kenya, fourth.

American Richie Harris won the 1500 meters in 3:41.17 minutes from countryman Tom Smith and Ken Hall of Australia.

Australian distance runners Steve Austin and Gerard Barrett staged a 5,000 meter battle. Austin won in 13:29.2 minutes to Barrett's 13:30.8 with Malinowski the Olympic steeplechase champion a distant third in 13:43.2 minutes.

## Stenmark is champion

SCHLADMING, Austrian Alps, Feb. 4 (AFP) — The men's Alpine Skiing World Cup hierarchy re-established itself in Tuesday's Giant Slalom here after the surprises of the Sankt Anton Fliem two days ago.

The winner on both occasions, however, was the same. Ingemar Stenmark, who came from along way back to win at Sankt Anton, left little doubt about the outcome Tuesday.

Sweden's winter sports equivalent of Bjorn Borg, clocked the second fastest first leg time behind outsider Jean-Luc Fournier of Switzerland and his traditional faster second leg insured him a comfortable victory, nearly one second clear of Hans Enn of Austria with Fournier third.

It was the double Olympic champion's seventh win this season and the fourth out of five Giant Slaloms completed. The only Giant Slalom to escape him was at foggy Ebnet Kappel.

## Row robs race of glamor

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 4 (AP) — A dispute over control of world motor racing has deprived the South African Grand Prix of some of its glamor this year, but the drivers say they will be racing just as hard to win.

"Whether this race has points or not, we'll all be going just as hard" said Alan Jones of Australia, the 1980 world driving champion, and the favorite to win Saturday at the Kyalami Circuit just north of Johannesburg.

"Everybody is sick to death of all the politics that have been messing things up for the past year. We are in the business of racing, and we'll put on a first-class race Saturday."

Whether the Kyalami race would be counted as a world championship event was left in doubt right up to the last minute because of squabbling between the sport's governing body, FISA, and the Formula One Constructors Association (FOCA), which has led a rebel Grand Prix movement.

FISA, the French initials for the Interna-

tional Auto Sports Federation, said in Paris Monday that it has sanctioned an "open formula Grand Prix race for Kyalami Saturday."

But the governing body has said Saturday's race will not count for the 1981 world championship and that it is sticking to its own championship calendar, which begins with the U.S. Grand Prix West at Long Beach, California, March 15.

Though FISA has deprived the Kyalami event of championship status, FOCA has contracted with the South African organizers for a race Saturday and the locals have said all along they would stage the race come hell or high water.

But the race will be with an abbreviated line-up. Instead of the 30 or so cars that normally take part in a Grand Prix race, 19 formula-one machines brought here by FOCA teams will be on the starting grid Saturday.

## Wimbledon fans to protest

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AFP) — Wimbledon supporters under threat of having to travel across London to watch their team at Crystal Palace next season, are to go to football league headquarters at Lytham St Anne's in Lancashire to lobby the management committee and present their protest to secretary Graham Kelly.

Former club chairman Ron Noadef bought out the Crystal Palace board 10 days ago in the hope that the transaction would provide the chance of ground-sharing next season.

Palace are currently bottom of the First Division and almost certain to be relegated to the Second next season.

His hopes have met with stiff opposition from Wimbledon supporters who stated Tuesday: "We have decided to embark upon a campaign of action to ensure the league football will continue at Plough Lane (the fourth division club's ground)."

Meanwhile, European champions Nottingham Forest are set to sign a Yugoslav inter-

national, although manager Brian Clough is not revealing the player's name.

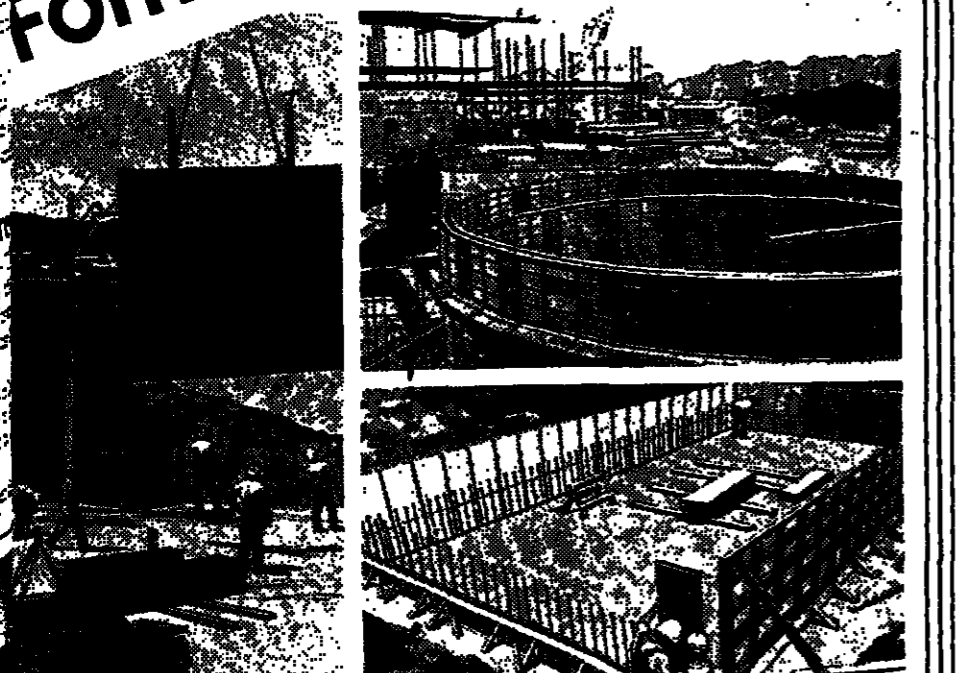
Forest, who play South American champions Nacional of Uruguay in the World Club Championship final in Tokyo on February 11 had the player watched when his club Red Star of Belgrade played a friendly against West Bromwich Albion in Birmingham Monday night.

And they will have an opportunity of taking an even closer look when the Yugoslavs play Forest at the city ground another tour match on Wednesday night.

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Your Individual Horoscope Frances Drake FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) This is an active time socially. Take the initiative in planning good times, but avoid arguments about money. The p.m. is romantic. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Concentrate on finishing assignments in the a.m. Later launch new projects. Capitalize on a fast-developing opportunity. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't travel in haste. Watch ideological disputes. A friend gives helpful advice about a career matter. Mix business with pleasure. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There may be some indecision about a home improvement project. Consult with advisers. Don't spend too much money on pleasure. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Watch impatience with a close tie. You may come on too strong. Still, you'll be able to nullify differences during a romantic p.m. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're enthusiastic about a work project, but inclined to be careless or to overlook important details. Work methodically. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Sports and recreational activities are favored. It's a good time to sign up for a physical fitness program, but watch extravagance. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Watch accidents at home base. Don't be impatient with relatives. The p.m. favors home entertainment. Invite others over. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're busy gadding about, but you're somewhat accident prone. Watch impulsive decisions. After dinner favors decision making. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A time when money comes in, but it could go out just as quickly, unless you watch yourself. Friends may be erratic in behavior. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You're enterprising now, but you could upset a higher-up act with an unconventional idea. Act in your interests, but avoid risky moves. PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Don't let inner resentments accumulate. Avoid controversial actions. The late p.m. is your best time to act. Romance is possible.

**Crossword** by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 1 "Pistol Packin' -" 5 Bellamy 10 Actor, Richard 11 Ethically insensitive 13 Color 14 Extract 15 Hebrew for Lord 16 Marsh 17 Rapid eye movement (abbr.) 18 Jump back 20 Yemen city 21 Work at Wellington's school 23 Pension 26 Food regimens 27 Once again 28 Biddy 29 Italian river 30 Kind of band 34 Be at fault 35 Tippler's curse 36 "This House" (1954 song) 37 Aquatic mammal 39 Deck 40 Washington city

DOWN 42 Drift 43 Shed skin 1 Rhythm in verse 2 Supple 3 Obsessive 4 Opp. of syn. 6 So shall it be! 7 Actor, Herbert 8 Divide proportionally 9 Poor one 12 French city 16 Satiate 19 Seldom 20 French river 23 Play the glutton 24 Balcony 25 Cozy spots 28 Hostility, combat 31 Victor or Melba 32 Book by Adm. Byrd 33 Himalayan land 35 Major - 38 Hoodwink 39 Baby food

Yesterday's Answer

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ULQ NLLUQ SI QOU XBJPA.  
SQ GUNQL WBIUZ NIA DBXUJ  
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8:30 Sarah Ward  
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9:30 Opera Star  
10:00 World News  
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary  
10:30 Sarah Ward  
10:45 Something to Show You  
11:00 World News  
11:09 Reflections  
11:15 Piano Style  
11:50 Brain of Britain 1978  
12:00 World News  
12:09 British Press Review  
12:15 World Today  
12:30 Financial News  
12:40 Look Ahead  
12:45 The Tony Nyant

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9:00 Holy Quran  
9:05 Genes of Guidance  
9:10 Light Music  
9:15 Billboard box 50  
9:45 Eve and her world  
10:00 Hall Martin  
10:10 Light Music  
10:25 The News  
10:30 Press Review  
10:40 World News  
11:15 Islam, the divine truth  
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12:00 News  
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9:00 World News  
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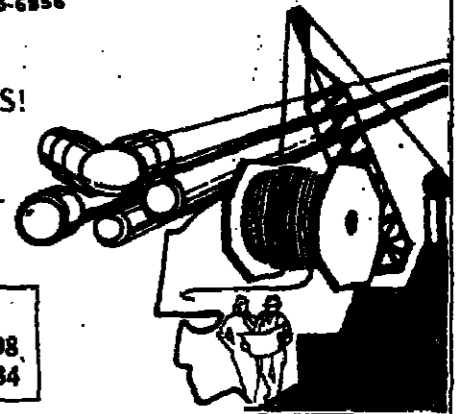
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## Afghan issue

# Shahi, Dost likely to confer in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — The nonaligned foreign ministers' conference beginning here Monday may provide an opening, outside the conference room, for a political solution of the 13-month-old Afghan crisis, well informed diplomatic sources said Wednesday.

However, within the conference hall, foreign ministers from 90 countries are expected to debate the Afghan issue, with some of the 42 Muslim member nations pressing for a revision of the draft declaration prepared by India on Afghanistan, the sources said.

"Some Islamic countries, which have taken a hardline on the Afghan issue, have suggested to India that the draft declaration should be revised to make specific references on the need for a Soviet pullout from Afghanistan," one Third World diplomat

## Pakistan official arrives in Paris

PARIS, Feb. 4 (R) — A senior Pakistani official arrived here Wednesday for talks expected to concentrate on French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's proposal for an international conference on Afghanistan. The official, Riaz Piracha, who is secretary at the foreign affairs ministry, will hold talks with the French foreign office secretary-general, Bruno de Leusse.

A Pakistani government announcement said in the Islamabad the visit was part of "regular bilateral consultations" between France and Pakistan. But diplomatic observers believed the French President's proposal would be a priority item.

The French leader had a telephone conversation with Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq on the proposal last Saturday and a French presidential spokesman said the next day that the discussion would be continued through diplomatic channels.

said, but he expressed the hope for a compromise.

"But the importance of the New Delhi meet is outside the conference hall...It may initiate direct contact between Pakistan and Afghanistan and if willing, Iran," he said. This will be the first time that the foreign ministers of Pakistan and Afghanistan and the representative from Iran and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim will meet at one place since last month's Pakistani proposal for talks with Afghanistan under U.N. auspices.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shahi had announced on Jan. 3 that he had written to Waldheim asking him to appoint a special representative to initiate talks with Afghanistan's neighbors.

Afghanistan will be represented at the forthcoming conference by Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost and Shahi will lead the Pakistani delegation. The Iran delegation will be led by Behzad Nabavi, the executive affairs minister, conference sources said.

The draft declaration on Afghanistan for the conference reads: "The ministers noted with grave concern the situation in southwest Asia and agreed that it carried dangerous implications for the peace and stability of the region. They emphasised the inadmissibility of the use of force in international relations or of intervention or interference in the internal affairs of sovereign states. They expressed the need to de-escalate tensions and to seek a political settlement through peaceful means.

"They expressed their full support for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-aligned status of Afghanistan and urged the parties concerned to work toward a settlement which would ensure that the Afghan people would determine their own destiny, free from any outside interference."

## Mirages for Iraq

# Tehran attacks France

BEIRUT, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — Iran and Iraq reported sea and paratroop assaults on their Gulf warfront Wednesday as Islamic mediators waited for the greenlight to undertake a peace-making shuttle between the two warring oil giants.

Iraq declared readiness to receive and talk to the eight-man commission an Islamic summit conference formed in Saudi Arabia last week to try to end the 136-day-old war. But Iran withheld a final decision.

Iran's state radio in Tehran, meanwhile, accused France of violating neutrality in the Iran-Iraq war by delivering Mirage F-1 jet fighters to Iraq and withholding delivery of missile boats Iran has bought from France.

"French imperialism justified its action by saying it was fulfilling a pre-war contract with Iraq, but imperialism was not so quick to honor agreements to supply arms and equipment already purchased by Iran," the broad-

## U.S. order canceled

# Jordan to get British tanks

AMMAN, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — Britain will supply Jordan with a number of tanks, the British Deputy Foreign Secretary Sir Ian Gilmour said in Amman Tuesday as the U.S. State Department announced in Washington that Jordan had temporarily withdrawn its request for the purchase of more M-60 tanks. Jordan had requested a total of 200 tanks from the U.S. last year.

Gilmour who is touring Jordan made the announcement following talks with King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan.

"The Carter administration had approved the sale in principle, contending that Jordanian tank strength was well below that of its neighbors. But the administration sought initial congressional approval for only 100 of the tanks. U.S. officials said Jordan told the U.S. late last year it wanted to reconsider its proposed purchase of the second 100.

They said Jordan's decision was made after it had received 35 M-60 tanks from Iraq which were captured during the Iran-Iraq war.

cast said.  
The Iranians claim France is refusing to deliver three missile boats Iran paid for before the war to match the French delivery of the four F-1 Mirages to Iraq. The boats are at France's English Channel port of Cherbourg, according to previous Iranian claim.  
"All this proved the imperialists' backing of Iraq," the Tehran broadcast said. "They do not want to see Iraq defeated, because they know an Iranian victory will harm their interests."

Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi, who met President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai separately Monday night said in Tehran Tuesday it was "too early" to tell whether his mediation mission had any chance of success. Pakistan is one of six countries appointed by the recent Organization of Islamic Conference summit.

U.S. officials said the Jordanian decision is not related to Jordan's continuing opposition to the Camp David accords.  
Gilmour told a press conference that he discussed with Hussein the Middle East problem, bilateral relations "and some arms sales, as Britain will supply Jordan with a number of tanks." He did not elaborate on the arms sale.

He also said the EEC will have more contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization if the PLO recognized EEC's declaration of last summer in Venice. He added that Britain's main role (regarding the Mideast) in the coming three months would be to work collectively with the European community "because Britain has close contacts with this area and could play an important role."

"Britain is extremely anxious to achieve a comprehensive settlement for the Palestinian problem based on EEC's declaration in Venice," he said, adding the PLO should take part in any future settlement. He said Britain recognized the Palestinians' right to self-determination and called for Israeli withdrawal from lands occupied in 1967.



**REFUGEE CHILDREN:** Afghan children sit on top of bales of relief supplies outside a tent at a Chitral camp in northern Pakistan. Despite freezing temperature this winter, the children play barefoot and without heavy jackets, Pakistan is looking after Afghan refugees driven away by the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

## Basque separatists active

# Fistfights break out before Carlos

GUERNICA, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — Fistfights between Basque separatists and police broke out in front of King Juan Carlos Wednesday in the Basque assembly house at the town of Guernica on the second day of the monarch's tour of this rebellious region of northern Spain. The King's speech was interrupted for about 10 minutes as police threw the separatists, members of the Basque Parliament, from the building.

Juan Carlos stood calmly waiting to speak and then told the remaining audience of about 200: "Once more I want to express my confidence in the Basque people."

Outside the 19th century assembly hall — the symbol of Basque nationalism — the King was greeted on his arrival with shouts of "Go home" and "Independence," but the major-

ity of the crowd cheered him and his wife, Greek-born Sofia. When the King entered the Casa De Juntas — the assembly hall — filled with members of the Basque autonomous government, the Basque parliament and local officials, everybody rose except the 30 separatist deputies.

As the King began to speak, they got up, clenched their fists and sang the Basque separatist hymn *Eusko Gudariak*.

The King smiled at first, and at one time urged them to sing louder. But when it became evident they did not intend to let him speak, Spanish plain clothes police began throwing the separatist parliament members out of their seats. One was yanked to the floor by his hair. Miguel Castells, a separatist defense lawyer, showed reporters a giant

bruise on his leg. Guernica has a special grudge against the Madrid government because of the 1937 bombing of the town by Nazi war planes helping Gen. Francisco Franco in the Spanish Civil War.

Reportedly the King dismissed advice against the Basque visit to stick to his repeated pledge he wants to be the King of all Spaniards. The King will return to Madrid Friday to start another round of consultations to try and solve the political crisis brought forth by the unexpected resignation of centrist Premier Adolfo Suarez last week.

Meanwhile, with the peseta falling, impatience in some military circles and the Catholic church reasserting itself, Spaniards still had no idea Wednesday what kind of government awaits them.

## Protest to continue

# Labor talks fail in Poland

WARSAW, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — Polish trade union leader Lech Walesa Wednesday called on regional branches of the Solidarity union federation to stage factory sit-ins if the authorities used force against strikers at talks with a government delegation there, Solidarity headquarters in Gdansk said.

Walesa launched his appeal in the southern city of Bielsko-Biala, where he was involved in talks with the government team. The head of the government delegation, Czeslaw Kotela, deputy minister for regional administration, was called urgently back to Warsaw. The Bielsko-Biala branch of Solidarity refused to give any indication of the situation in the town, where workers have been on strike for nine days demanding the dismissal of some 30 local government and party officials.

The talks between the government and strike leaders broke down apparently because the Warsaw authorities refused to accept the resignations of local officials accused of corruption. The strike leaders said the government delegation which had been negotiating an end to a nine-day-old general strike in the important industrial province had returned to Warsaw without setting a

date for further talks.

"We think it's because the prime minister has refused to approve the resignations of disgraced people," a spokesman at the strike headquarters said. Governor Jozef Labudek and three of his deputies submitted their resignations Tuesday night to pave the way for a settlement of the one remaining major strike in Poland following several weeks of industrial turmoil. The government, which is accusing solidarity of flouting its statutes and staging political strikes, responded by saying that it would only consider the resignations in an atmosphere of order and calm.

The strike leaders in Bielsko-Biala, in a communique stating that their protest action was continuing, said they did not accept government proposals on strike pay announced Tuesday night.

The government said strikers would only receive half-pay for strikes, and then only if the stoppages did not infringe union statutes and if workers were willing to make up for lost production. "Solidarity in Bielsko-Biala does not accept the charge that it is responsible for production losses," the local union branch said.

Government-union negotiations in another southern province, Jelenia Gora, appeared to have made more progress. Workers in the region lifted a strike when the talks began.



**LABOR CONFLICT:** Solidarity leader Lech Walesa is surrounded by cameramen as he arrives in Warsaw Tuesday for talks with government leaders on the trade union demands.

## U.S. aid will deter Moscow -- Chun

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP) — President Chun Doo-Hwan of South Korea said that U.S. troops are needed in his country not only to prevent aggression from North Korea but to deter Soviet troops and "stay the hand of Soviet expansion."

The South Korean president said the 39,000 U.S. troops stationed in his country are an important deterrent to the conversion of North Korean armed forces as to Soviet "proxies" in northeast Asia.

He commented in an address Tuesday at the National Press Club here one day after receiving assurances from U.S. President Ronald Reagan that there will be no further withdrawals of U.S. troops from South Korea. Chun declared that his country is on the road to political stability after months of internal turmoil and martial law.

He reaffirmed an invitation to North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung to visit Seoul in the interest of fostering mutual "trust and understanding." And he said he would be prepared to visit Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, if he is invited. He said that censorship is "a thing of the past" in his country.

Referring to the late President Park Chung Hee who was assassinated in October 1979, he said political strife in South Korea in the

1970s occurred "mainly because one person held power too long."

Chun said his country is a "bulwark of defense" for the West and that South Korea and the U.S. working together can "stay the hand of Soviet expansionism in northeast Asia and prevent the Soviet Union from using North Korea as a proxy."

In response to questions he said the strategic significance of the stationing of U.S. troops in his country is to cause the Soviet Union to "disperse and overextend" its forces in eastern Europe, the Middle East and the Far East. "The U.S. in an aside which drew laughter from the audience, he said, "what I have just told you should be classified top secret so I hope you will keep that in mind when you disseminate this information."

Meantime, the *Washington Post* reported in Wednesday's editions that the U.S. has agreed to sell F-16 jetfighter planes to South Korea and expects to seek Congressional approval soon for the sale.

The newspaper quoted unidentified sources as saying that the Reagan administration made the decision to sell the planes during Chun's visit here. South Korea wants to buy 36 of the warplanes, the *Post* said.

The South Korean president left Washington for his country Tuesday.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

He said to his friends: "In our house we have two gardens, two television sets, two cars, two kids and two cats. Two of everything, you see. Except that we have one opinion on any subject under the sun, and that belongs to my wife."

I gave this story in defense of women's rights. Men have always held that women are the worst grumblers, that complaining, carping, beating and downright nagging are purely a feminine occupation. Not true, not true. Some of the world's greatest grumblers (like some of the world's greatest cooks) are men. And a particularly fine practitioner of the art has to be the musician Franz Lehár (of the *Merry Widow*) who let loose against the world the following salvo:

"If I send a libretto back unread to the author, he's a cross; if I asked it back read, then he's cross at that; if I leave it around a few months and then send it back, he's equally cross, of course; and if I set it to music, and it falls through, then he's cross of all if I write serious music, it's too operatic; if I write cheerful music, it's too trivial; if I write a hit, people say, 'He's writing for the gallery!' if I don't write a hit, they say, 'He didn't have any inspiration.'"

"If I ask a lot of a singer, people say, 'Well, they aren't opera singers, after all. If I ask little, they say, 'In the old days composers used to write for real voices.' If I give the chorus a lot to do, they say, 'Superfluous stuff.' If I give it nothing, they say, 'How magnificent the old choruses were!' If I bring out a work a year, they say, 'A hack!' If I don't, they say, 'He's run out of ideas.'"

Translated from *Ashraf Al Awwad*

## Ex-Romanian minister hurt by parcel bomb

PARIS, Feb. 4 (AFP) — Leading dissident Romanian author Paul Goma and former Romanian minister Nicolas Penescu, both living here in exile, have received parcel bombs in the mail it was revealed Wednesday. Goma said Penescu, aged about 70, was wounded when his parcel-bomb blew up, and is in hospital.

Goma himself was unhurt, though the parcel-bomb sent to him blew up, wounding a bomb expert trying to defuse it. Goma said that the booby-trapped parcels were posted from Spain and contained works by Nikita Khrushchev.

The bombs were sent by the Romanian secret police, according to Goma.

## Lech Walesa proposed for Nobel Peace prize

OSLO, Feb. 4 (R) — Poland's Solidarity trade union movement leader Lech Walesa is among 69 candidates for the 1981 Nobel Peace Prize, Jakob Sverdrup, Director of the Nobel Institute, said Tuesday. Other candidates include former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe who both helped to bring independence to the African country.

Swedish candidates are disarmament activist Alva Myrdal, and diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, missing in the Soviet Union since the end of World War II.

## Khomeini's health poor

BEIRUT, Feb. 4 (AP) — Ayatollah Khomeini publicly acknowledged his health problems for the first time Wednesday, telling a crowd of laborers in a unity speech he could not talk long because his health was not good enough, Tehran radio reported. Speaking to steel workers and others at Hussein al-Jabran mosque near Tehran, the 88-year-old Khomeini began: "The crowd is so huge, but I cannot speak in detail because my health is not good enough. Therefore, I will be brief and will say a few words in general."

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